PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT YORK MASONS,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

A. L. 5843.



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GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Monday, December 4, A. L. 5843.

The Annual communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was held at their Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on the 4th day December, A. L. 5843, A. D. 1843, at 7 o'clock P. M., according to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN H. WHEELER, G. M.
" " D. W. STONE, P. G. M.
" " T. LORING, P. D. G. M.
R. W. W. J. LANGDON, G. Chaplain.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W. P. T.
" " W. HOLLISTER, G. J. W. P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
W. A. HARRISON, G. Sec'y.
F. H. REEDER, G. S. D.
W. J. RAMSAY, G. J. D.
W. T. BAIN, G. S. B. P. T.
T. LORING, was requested to act as G. M.
P. W. FANNING, G. P. P. T.
Bro. R. W. ASHTON, G. S. & T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE LODGES.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington—Bro. P. W. Fanning.

Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte—Bro. R. A. Wallace

Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro'—Bro. A. S. Mooring.

Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90, Williamston—Bro. A. S. Mooring.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro. W. W. Johnson, W. Hollister and C. W. D. Hutchings.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. D. W. Stone.

St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston—Bro. Thomas S. Clarke.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Bro. Grimme, Sugg, Miller, Whitaker, Cain, and Waltring.

The Committee on the repairs of the Masonic Hall, which was appointed by the M. W. G. M. at the last annual communication of this Right W. G. Lodge, was granted further time to report.

Also the Committee, to inquire into the title, of the Ground on which the Hall is erected.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the M. W. G. M. viz:

On Charters and Dispensations—Bro's. Wallace and Fanning.

On Communications from Grand Lodges and Miscellaneous subjects—Bro's. Mooring and Hollister.

On Grand Treasurer's accounts—Bro's. Stone and Loring.

On Accounts and Claims against the Gr. Lodge—Bro's. Johnson and Ramsay.

On Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges and dues from same—Bro's. Stone and Hutchings.

The Grand Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment, until Wednesday evening, the 6th of Dec. A. L. 5843, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

W. A. HARRISON, Gr. Sec'y.

Six o'clock P. M. Dec. 6th 1843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. J. H. WHEELER, G. M.

M. W. D. W. STONE, P. G. M.
" " D. S. CRENSHAW, P. G. M.
" " T. LORING, P. D. G. M.
R. W. T. J. LEMAY & W. J. LANGDON, G. C.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W. P. T.
W. HOLLISTER, G. J. W. P. T.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Gr. Tr.
W. A. HARRISON, G. Sec'y.
F. H. REEDER, G. S. D.
W. J. RAMSAY, G. J. D.
P. W. FANNING, G. P. P. T.
T. LORING, was appointed G. S. B. P. T.
W. T. BAIN, G. M. P. T.
R. W. ASHTON, G. S. & T.

REPRESENTATIVES.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. D. W. Stone.

Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92. Stantonsburg—Bro. W. J. Armstrong.

Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97, Wake—Bro's. Crenshaw and Fleming.

Perquimans Lodge, No. 306, Hertford—Bro. D. W. Stone.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield—Bro's. Williams and Stephens.

Bro. W. J. Armstrong was appointed by the M. W. G. Master on the Committee on Charters and Despensations in the place of Bro. Wallace, who was excused, from indisposition.

The Committee to whom was referred the varions communications and misellaneous subjects of the respective Sister G. Lodges was allowed further time to report.

Also the Committees on Charters and Despensations, Grand Tr. Accounts, Amounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge, and Returns and Communications of Subordinate Lodges.

On motion, of Bro. T. S. Clark, a communication was

read from St. John's Lodge 96, Kinston, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Communications and Returns from Subordinate Lodges.

At a regular Communication of the St. John's Lodge, No. 96, of Kinston, held at their Lodge room in Kinston, on Saturday, 4th November, A. L. 5843, A. D. 1843, the following preamble and resolutions, were submitted and adopted unanimously.

Whereas, this Lodge is deeply impressed with the necessity, and importance of preserving the ancient usages of our venerable and time-honored institution, free from innovation and unimpaired in the purity in which they have been handed down through so many successive generations; and is anxiously desirous of preventing any informalities in the ceremonies, or any errors in the modes of working through each part and point of the ancient landmarks of Masonry, from insinuating themselves in its proceedings and practices; and earnestly wishes to correct and reform all discrepances that may exist in its mode of working.

And whereas, further, the members of this Lodge desire to augment their knowledge of Masonry, and to improve themselves in all things of right pertaining to the order, all of which objects they think could be very materially promoted by a course of Lectures by some competent and approved Lecturer:

Therefore, *Resolved*, that the Grand Lodge be requested at its next Annual Communication to appoint a suitable Lecturer to visit this part of the State, and deliver a series of Lectures on the first 3 Degrees of Masonry.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions, certified by the signatures of the Worshipful Master and Secretary, be furnished by our delegates to the Grand Lodge, with instructions to lay them before that body.

St. John's Lodge, Kinston, 18*th Nov. A. L.* 5843.

I, Geo. T. Lovick, Master, do hereby certify the above to be a literal transcript of the original, submitted to, and

adopted by this Lodge at its regular communication on 4th Nov. A. L. 5843, and in further attestation thereof, I hereto attach my signature, and affix the seal of this Lodge, and cause the Secretary to affix his signature, this 18th day of Nov. A. L. 5843, and A. D. 1843.

GEO. T. LOVICK, Master.

R. C. Canfield, Secretary.

Kinston, N. C. Jan. 7th, 1844.

To the most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and brethren:

The members of St. John's Lodge, No. 96, at Kinston, Lenoir County, N. C. respectfully report:

That the Lodge at this place, is in a prosperous condition, and at present has fourteen regular Communicants, having recently lost one of our number by death, and having had occasion to expel one during the last year.—One only having been initiated and passed during the last year. Several who have removed from among us have been the cause of our present number being less than formerly; but those who are now Communicants are punctual in their attendance, and we anticipate an additional number during the present year.

GEO. T. LOVICK, Master.
WM. B. WEST, S. W.
WARREN KILPATRICK, J. W.

The Committee appointed at the last annual communication of this Right W. G. Lodge, by the M. W. G. M. to inquire into the title which the Grand Lodge, and Hiram Lodge, have to the Ground on which their Lodge House stands, made the following Report:

The undersigned, in behalf of the Committee appointed under the Resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last annual Communication, to act, in conjunction with a Committee on the part of Hiram Lodge No. 40—to inquire into the title which the Grand Lodge and Hiram Lodge have to the ground on which their Lodge House stands,

begs to state that Hiram Lodge appointed no Committee that he is aware of—and he submits the following, Report.

From the best information he has been able to obtain by diligent inquiry, he learns, that somewhere about thirty years ago, shortly after Hiram Lodge was instituted, our worthy Brother the late Theophilus Hunter, of this vicinity, who then owned the lot on the south west corner of which this Lodge House stands, gave by deed *to Hiram Lodge and the Grand Lodge*, the privilege of erecting their building, on the place where it now is; to be held and occupied by them as long as the building should be used for Masonic purposes; and on that grant the two Lodges, in conjunction with a Thespian Society, then in Raleigh, erected the present Building; the Thespian Society paying for the lower part and the two Lodges jointly for the second story; that some time afterwards, (some 12 or 15 years or more, since) the Thespian Society became embarrassed and sold their interest in the building and the Grand Lodge became the purchasers of it. So the Grand Lodge now owns the first story and are joint owners with Hiram Lodge of the second story of the building; that Captain Hunter, the grantor of the land, died some three years since and devised away the whole of his Estate in legacies to his children and grand children; many of the latter of whom are under age; that in his Will no disposition or mention whatever is made of this piece of ground, and no doubt is therefore entertained but that he died believing that the grant he had made of it to the Lodges was and would be perpetual. The Deed for the ground has been lost or mislaid, so that it cannot be found, and the Register's office for the County of Wake was burned down some 12 or 13 years since, when it is believed the Book in which the Deed was recorded was destroyed, as it is not now to be found in any of the remaining Books in the office; that this fire occurred some six or eight years before the

death of Captain Hunter, and it is supposed that the matter of title to the ground neither occurred to him nor to the members of either of the Lodges, or the defect of the want of a Deed would have been remedied; but now, as Captain Hunter died intestate as to this piece of ground, and many of his distributees are minors, the defect cannot be remedied but by a Bill in Equity, which would be attended with some considerable expense, besides putting the heirs of our deceased Brother to the cost of answering the Bill; and as assurances have been made by most of the legatees, that no desire or wish is entertained by them to interrupt or attempt to interfere with the privilege granted by our deceased Brother, so long as it is used by the Lodges or either of them, it was not thought advisable that any legal steps should be taken for the procuring of a stronger evidence of title—and the undersigned has embodied these facts in his Report on the subject, as containing a narrative of the manner in which the title is held, so that if at any future time any steps should be taken by any of the parties interested, the best history of the transaction that he has been able to collect may be on the records of the Lodge; and he would recommend that this Report be filed among the Records of the Grand Lodge, and that it be published with the proceedings of this Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. STONE, *one of the Committee.*

The annual Report of the M. W. G. Master, was read and adopted, as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, now in Session.

By a resolution, adopted 21st, Dec. 5809, the Grand Master is requested to direct the Grand Secretary, to lay before him all the Communications received during the recess of the Grand Lodge, so that the Grand Master, may lay before this Grand Lodge, such abstracts therefrom as he may deem proper.

In obedience to this resolution, I have caused to be laid before me the various Communications, among which are the proceedings of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, (qui Suivent le rite Ecossais et le rite Moderne,) and also of the Republic of Texas. From the examination, that I have been enabled to give these very interesting Communications, I am gratified to see the interest that is felt and cherished, for our time-honored Institution. The day of prejudice and anti-masonry has gone by, and Free Masonry reassumes that stand that she deserves in the minds of the good and virtuous of every age and rank. It would prolong this Communication, to an unnecessary extent, and perhaps trespass on the duties of the Committee to whom the subject belongs, (Communications from Grand Lodges,) to give an abstract of each. It may be well to remark, that these Communications, possess great interest to every lover of the craft, and no one can examine them without receiving much information of the real state of our ancient fraternity throughout the Republic. I freely concur in the excellent remark of the late Grand Master, of Tennessee, that there is scarcely a publication, emanating from a Grand Lodge, that does not contain something worthy of notice and thus they became interesting vehicles of information. In some of the Grand Lodges of Europe, particularly those of Germany, the Committees incorporate in their reports whatever they may find in the proceedings of other Grand Lodges of interest to the craft in general. Thus is useful information disseminated and the fraternity becomes more enlightened.

The last Communication of the Grand Lodge, devolved certain duties on the Grand Master, which I take this occasion to report upon the manner in which they were discharged. By a resolution of the Grand Lodge, it ap-

proved of a National Masonic Convention to be held at Baltimore on 2d Monday in May last, and the Grand Masters was authorized to appoint some suitable person, to attend. In virtue, of this power, I appointed our W. P. M. Hon. Robert Strange, of Fayetteville; to my unfeigned regret he was compelled to decline, and at so late a day as prevented my selecting some other delegate; rather than our Grand Lodge should be unrepresented on this interesting occasion, I repaired at the time appointed. The Convention was attended by sixteen Grand Lodges, extending from New Hampshire, to Florida, and Deputy Grand Master, of South Wales. Compairing the modes of work as used there, was an astonishing degree of uniformity of work, which while it proved the universality of our rights, it established the antiquity and truth of Masonry. A copy of the proceedings are herewith submitted, marked A., a funeral service is recommended, the excellent work of our worthy Brother the Rev. Albert Case, of Charleston, South Carolina, which while it commends itself to our admiration by the beauty of its style, is free from all bias or sectarianism; the ancient mode of opening and closing the Lodge, and the manner of constituting the same, the ceremony of installation of officers, and of the dedication of Masonic Halls, and laying the corner stones of public Structures, and traditions, and landmarks of our Order in the three degrees of Masonry, were all explained and exemplified. The Convention also recommended rules for the organization and establishing a Grand Convention of ancient free and accepted Masons to which I respectfully call the attention of this Grand Lodge. A Masonic Trestleboard illustrative, of the three degrees, together with ceremonies of consecration &c., was adopted, which is already or will be soon published under the excellent supervision of Bro. C. W. Moore, Editor of the Masonic Magazine at Boston. They also recommended that the several Grand Lodges, unite in sending a delegate to the fraternity in

Europe with a view to lay the foundation of a universal language, and work, and extend the blessings of our Order far beyond its present range, and also the next meeting of the Grand Masonic Convention be held in Winchester Va. on the 2nd Monday in May 1846.

It was also made the duty of the Grand Master, at our last Communication, to inform sundry brethren, named in the resolution, who were appointed to visit Davie Lodge, No. 39, in Bertie County, and examine into their mode of work and alledged irregularities, at an early day; the brethren were informed of their appointment, but no written answer was received, and only a verbal one, that they were prevented from attending.— Under the authority of the resolution, and the powers vested in the Grand Master, by our book of Constitutions, I deemed it the duty I owed the craft to visit said Lodge, which I did in May last; I found the Lodge in much confusion, and to investigate sundry charges, the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, refusing or declining, I appointed another Committee, who also declined. The chief difficulty seemed to arise from the action of this Lodge in expelling certain brethren for the non-payment of their dues. The Lodges on being reminded of the unmasonic character of a punishment so severe, and so disproportionate to the offence rescinded, the resolution and restored the brethren who had been expelled. The charges were then withdrawn; and harmony and peace, the strength of Masonry, was thus restored.

By another resolution of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master was requested to address a circular letter to the several Subordinate Lodges, in relation to the establishment of an Institution for the education of the poor children, of the members of our fraternity and others, inviting their co-operation. This duty was performed, and how performed, the paper herwith submitted, marked B., will show. It is for the present Grand Lodge, to adopt

such, and further measures as to them, may seem wise and proper.

Should this Grand Lodge adopt decisive measures against delinquent Lodges, under her jurisdiction, it will see the propriety of taking steps to secure the property, jewels and other effects, that will revert to the Grand Lodge, on the forfeiture of the charter. In making the selection of the Grand Lecturers, for each judicial district, at this Communication, I shall be compelled to rely on the kindness, and better information of the representatives present, for the names of suitable brethren who will faithfully discharge the duties of that important appointment, by visiting the Subordinate Lodges, and lecturing, advising, and admonishing them, as may be required, and by these and such means as I doubt not, your zeal and wisdom will suggest at this present Convocation, our Institution will be again restored to its pristine beauty, and be "as pre-eminent in usefulness as she is in age."

THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

From Webb's Monitor.

The brethren being assembled at the lodge room (or some other convenient place) the presiding master opens the lodge, in the third degree, with the usual forms; and having stated the purpose of the meeting, the service begins.

Master. "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Response. "Man walketh in a vain shadow; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them."

Master. "When he dieth, he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him."

Response. "Naked he came into the world, and naked he must return."

Master. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!"

The grand honors are then given, and certain forms used, which cannot be here explained.

The master then, taking the SACRED ROLL in his hand, says,

"Let us die the death of the rightous, and let our last end be like his!"

The brethren answer,

"God is our God for ever; he will be our guide even unto death!"

The master then records the name and age of the deceased upon the roll, and says,

"Almighty Father! into they hands we commend the soul of our loving brother."

The brethren answer three times (giving the grand honors each time.)

"The will of God is accomplished! so be it."

The master then deposits the roll in the archives, and repeats the following prayer:

"Most glorious God! author of all good, and giver of all mercy! pour down they blessings upon us, and strengthen our solemn engagements with the ties of sincere affection! May the present instance of mortality remind us of our approaching fate, and draw our attention toward thee, the only refuge in time of need! that when the awful moment shall arrive, that we are about to quit this transitory scene, the enlivening prospect of thy mercy may dispel the gloom of death; and after our departure hence in peace and in thy favor, we may be received into thine everlasting kingdom, to enjoy, in union with the souls of our departed friends, the just reward of a pious and virtuous life. *Amen.*"

A procession is then formed, which moves to the house of the deceased, and from thence to the place of interment. The different lodges rank according to seniority, excepting that the lodge, of which the deceased was a member, walks nearest the corpse. Each lodge forms one division, and the following order is observed:

Order of Procession at a Funeral.

E. Apprentices;

F. Crafts;

Tyler, with a Drawn Sword;

Stewards, with White Rods;

Musicians, (if they are Masons, otherwise they follow the Tyler,)

Master Masons;

Senior and Junior Deacons;

Secretary and Treasurer;

Senior and Junior Wardens;

Past Masters;

The Holy Writings, on a Cushion covered with Black Cloth, carried by the Oldest Member of the Lodge;

The Master;

Clergy;

The Body.
with the insigna placed thereon,
and two Swords crossed;



Pall Bearers. Pall Bearers.

The brethren are not to desert their ranks, or change places, but keep in their different departments. When the procession arrives at the church yard, the members of the lodge form a circle round the grave, and the clergyman and officers of the acting lodge take their station at the head of the grave, and the mourners at the foot, the service is resumed, and the following exhortation given:

"Here we view a striking instance of the uncertainty of life, and the vanity of all human pursuits. The last offices paid to the dead are only useful as lectures to the living; from them we are to derive instruction, and consider every solemnity of this kind as a summons to prepare for our approaching dissolution.

"Notwithstanding the various mementos of mortality with which we daily meet, notwithstanding death has es-

ab lished his empire over all the works of nature, yet through some unaccountable infatuation, we forget that we are born to die. We go on from one design to another, add hope to hope, and lay out plans for the employment of many years, till we are suddenly alarmed with the approach of death, when we least expect him, and at an hour which we probably conclude to be the meridian of of our existence.

"What are all the externals of majesty, the pride of wealth, or charms of beauty, when nature has paid her just debt? Fix your eyes on the last scene, and view life stript of her ornaments, and exposed in her natural meanness; you will then be convinced of the futility of those empty delusions. In the grave, all fallacies are detected, all ranks are levelled, and all distinctions are done away.

"While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased friend, let charity incline us to throw a veil over his foibles, whatever they may have been, and not withhold from his memory the praise that his virtues may have claimed. Suffer the apologies of human nature to plead in his behalf. Perfection on earth has never been attained; the wisest, as well as the best of men, have erred.

"Let the present example excite our most serious thoughts, and strengthen our resolutions of amendment. As life is uncertain, and all earthly pursuits are in vain, let us no longer postpone the important concern of preparing for eternity; but embrace the happy moment, while time and opportunity offer, to provide against the great change, when all the pleasures of this world shall cease to delight, and the reflections of a virtuous life yield the only comfort and consolation. Thus our expectations will not be frustrated, nor we hurried unprepared into the favor of that eternal Being, whose goodness and power know no bound; that when the awful moment arrives, be it soon or late, we may be enabled to prosecute our journey, without dread or apprehension, to that far distant

country whence no traveller returns."

The following invocations are then made by the master:

Master. "May we be true and faithful; and may we live and die in love!"

Answer. "So mote it be."

Master. "May we profess what is good, and always act agreeably to our profession."

Answer. "So mote it be."

Master. "May the Lord bless us, and prosper us; and may all our good intentions be crowned with success!"

Answer. "So mote it be."

Master. "Glory be to God on high! on earth peace! good will towards men!"

Answer. "So mote it be, now, from henceforth, and for evermore."

The brethren then move in procession round the place of interment, and severally drop a sprig of evergreen into the grave, accompanied with the usual honors.

The master then concludes the ceremony at the grave, in the following words:

"From time immemorial it has been a custom among the fraternity of free and and accepted masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities.

"In conformity to this usage, and at the special request of our deceased brother, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we now deplore, we have assembled in the character of masons, to resign his body to the earth whence it came, and to offer up to his memory, before the world, the last tribute of our affection, thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem, and our steady attachment to the principles of the order.

"The great Creator having been pleased, out of his mercy, to remove our brother from the cares and troubles of a transitory, existence, to a state of eternal duration, and thereby to weaken the chain by which we are united,

man to man; may we, who survive him, anticipate our approaching fate, and be more strongly cemented in the ties of union and friendship; that during the short space allotted to our present existence, we may wisely and usefully employ our time; and, in the reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts, mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other.

"Unto the grave we resign the body of our deceased friend, there to remain until the general resurrection; in favorable expectation that his immortal soul may then partake of joys which have been prepared for the righteous from the beginning of the world, And may Almighty God, of his infinite goodness, at the grand tribunal of unbiassed justice, extend his mercy towards him, and all of us, and crown our hope with everlasting bliss in the expanded realms of a boundless eternity! This we beg, for the honor of his name; to whom be glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*"

Thus the service ends, and the procession returns in form to the place whence it set out, where the necessary duties are complied with, and the business of masonry is renewed. The insignia and ornaments of the deceased, if an officer of a lodge, are returned to the master, with the usual ceremonies, after which the charges for regulating the conduct of the brethren are rehearsed, and the lodge is closed in the third degree.

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Grand Lodge of North Carolina,
1st September, A. L. 5843.

To the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Lodge, No. at chartered and working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

BRETHREN: At the last communication of our Grand Lodge the following Resolutions, introduced by brother T. J. Lemay, P. G. Secretary, were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the time has arrived, when, if we would keep pace with the spirit of the age, and maintain the character and usefulness of our venerable Institution, this Grand Lodge should enter upon some great benevolent enterprise, and direct its funds and energies to the accomplishment of that object. And as it is believed that there is no cause which more pressingly demands their aid, than that of the education of the poor children of their brethren, throughout the State: Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of be appointed, who shall take into consideration the propriety and expediency of establishing a seminary of learning for the benefit, 1st, of poor children of the members of our fraternity, and, 2dly, such others as the means of the Grand Lodge will allow; and that they also inquire into the best plan upon which such an institution may be established; the probable cost thereof—and report to the next Annual Communication, furnishing fully any other information which, to them, may be necessary and proper.

Resolved, That the Worshipful Gr. Master be requested to address a circular letter, or otherwise communicate with the several subordinate Lodges, as to him may seem best, and invite their co-operation in the establishment of the institution indicated in the foregoing resolution, and request that they give information on this subject at or before the next Grand Communication of this Lodge.

In obedience to the request thus made, I invite the co-operation of your Lodge in the establishment of the Institution, and request that you afford information on this subject at or before our next annual communication in December next.

Our Institution, venerable as she is by age, and adorned by the sanction of the greatest of our race; and endeared to us by many interesting associations, seems, in the language of the resolution, called upon for some great benevolent enterprise. Whatever may have been the original causes of the formation of our order, masonry ceases

to be simply operative in her character, while she still uses the symbols as incentives to action and virtue. Many of her distinguished votaries that enter the portals of our Institution, while they admire the wisdom of the structure, the *strength* of its foundations, look anxiously around for the ends to be accomplished; and finding nothing to satisfy them, either become dormant in their energies, or cease to frequent our Lodges. So well have our Brethren not only in this counrty but in Europe been satisfied of this fact, that they have not only preserved the beautiful land-marks of our ancient order vivid and pure, but have elevated them high in the eyes of the world, that all men might see that our Institution is indeed founded in charity and benevolence, is fraught with the holy desire of "peace on earth, and good will towards men." In nothing is this more plainly shown than the establishment of Institutions similar to the one proposed.

In England, Germany, Denmark and Sweden, under the auspices of masonry, schools have been established which have furnished the lights of education and knowledge to thousands of poor and worthy children, that else might have suffered indigence, ignorance and want.— One of these schools alone in Germany in the space of five years educated 1100 children in the elements of knowledge and the principles of morality. "The boy's school," in London, was established in 1798, for "the maintenance, clothing, educating and apprenticing the sons of distressed freemasons, and their orphans," and has done more to administer to the comforts and future welfare of the rising generation than any institution in the kingdom; recently the Grand Lodge of England, under the auspices of Duke of Sussex, established a "Girl school," and the last report represents it as in a most flourishing condition. The children are healthy and happy and are taught to conduct themselves with great propriety. The Rev. H. O'Neil, the curate, under date 9th June says "I have examined sixteen young persons for confirmation

for the last time, and cannot avoid saying that I was never more pleased with any young persons than with them, their answering and attention being in every respect satisfactory."

In our own country the Fraternity have "followed these leaders and feared no danger." Virginia has now, under the sanction of her Grand Lodge, in successful operation, a school for the education of the children of deceased Brethren, and it is said to be one of the best Institutions in that renowned commonwealth. The Grand Lodge of Missouri has already purchased at a large expense the buildings, lots, &c. formerly Marion College, with 1300 acres of land for the same noble purpose; Tennessee and Mississippi, in their Grand Lodges, have taken the initiatory steps in emulating these laudable examples.

In 1809, the Grand Lodge of New York established a plan by which fifty poor children of Masons are annually gratuitously educated.

Not to prolong this circular, may I ask, shall our Grand Lodge, adorned as she has been in the east by the patriotism of a *Caswell*, the learning of a *Taylor*, the wisdom and virtues of a *Hall* and a *Henderson*, be behind her sisters in this noble purpose? Will she allow even her youthful daughter, Tennessee, to cast into the shade the unassuming virtues of the mother? We know of a truth that there are many who, left in indigence, have been educated by the private charities of our individual Lodges, who were never aware from whence the bounty flowed; for the divine attribute of charity never allows "her right hand to know what her left hand doeth."—But we should no longer hide "our light under a bushel." Freemasonry in our State enrols among its votaries many of the first of our land, and the virtuous and good of all ranks. If our Institution possesses the strength of Sampson, why allow it to rest in the Delilah lap of inglorious ease or uselessness, or blinded by prejudice, to be led

about, the reproach of the ignorant and the scoffing Philistines?

It is only by united and strenuous efforts that any great good is effected. Allow me then to hope that your Lodge will instruct your representatives at our next grand annual communication, to unite with the different Lodges in our jurisdiction in this laudable enterprise, which will afford an asylum where destitute orphans of worthy brethren from every part of our State may learn lessons of virtue and a hatred of vice, and become useful to society, ornaments to their race, and finally be fitted to become residents above in that "building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

With assurances of sincere regard,

Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. WHEELER, *G. Master.*

By order of the Grand Lodge of No. Ca.

The various and important subjects, contained in the Report, were referred to the following Committees.

So much as refers to a National Convention—Bro's. Fanning, Clark and Crenshaw.

So much as refers to Communications from Grand Lodges, and Miscellaneous subjects—Bro's. Mooring and Hollister.

So much as refers to the mode of work and illegal irregularities of Davie Lodge, No. 39, Bertie, on the standing committee—Bro's. Stone and Hutchings.

So much as refers to the Seminary of Learning—Bro's. Lemay, Loring and Stone.

So much as refers to the delinquency of Lodges, and the Grand Lecturers—Bro's. Stone and Hutchings.

The Committee, appointed at the last Annual Communication, by this M. W. G. Lodge, by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Seminary of Learning, made a report which was unaminously adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to take under consideration

the propriety of establishing a Literary Institution of high grade under the patronage of the Masonic Fraternity, ask leave to report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and after mature deliberation are of the opinion that it is not only expedient, but highly important that an Institution of learning which will take a high stand amongst the Literary Institutions of the day, be established by us at as early a period as practicable, without, in any way involving our Association.

Your Committee thinks that the Institution in contemplation should be a *Manual Labor College, well endowed*, and that its object should be two fold. First, to educate a class of *beneficiaries*, made up of *indigent orphans* of deceased brethren, and as far as the means of the Institution will allow, of other poor boys, who may be selected under the direction of the Association. And secondly, by reducing the price of tuition, to extend its benefits to a valuable class of young men, who have not the means of acquiring a Collegiate education, at the present prices of tuition, in our Colleges and Universities.—We would recommend a *Manual Labor* Institution for several reasons. In the first place, the class of beneficiaries may contribute by their labor to their own support while in College, and thus lighten the expense of their education. In the second place, it would enable any young man of industrious habits, who might wish to avail himself of the benefits of the Institution, to earn at least one half of the amount which would be necessary to defray the expenses of a regular Collegiate course. So that with a comparatively small amount of funds he might acquire a liberal education. And in the next place, it would connect *physical* with intellectual training.—While the student in the College halls might develop the energies of his mind, in the field, or in the mechanic's shop, he might at the same time, develop the energies of his body. And when he had finished his course, he

might retire from the halls of learning with freshness upon his cheek, and vigor in his frame; prepared to enter at once upon the discharge of the duties of any office which he might be called to fill in society. But the Institution should be *liberally* endowed. We are convinced from what we have learned of other Institutions of learning, (and we have the experience of ages before us,) that no College can be sustained by tuition fees alone. Hence all Institutions that are not liberally endowed are dependant either upon State patronage or individual munificence; either of which we think is doubtful, and would form too precarious a foundation to be relied upon with safety. We are influenced in recommending the establishment of this Institution by the following reasons:

In the first place we think the time has arrived when *something* must be done to elevate the character, and contribute to the prosperity of our Association. This necessity arises from the wants and wishes of the members of the Association, and from the spirit of the age in which we live. It is well known, that there is, among our more conscientious brethren, a growing indifference towards the Institution of Masonry. How is this alienation to be accounted for? Evidently because the *ends* of our Association are not accomplished. In the language of the circular of our Worshipful Master to the subordinate Lodges, "Many of the distinguished votaries of Masonry that enter the portals of our Institution, while they admire the wisdom of the structure, the *strength* of its foundations, look anxiously around for the ends to be accomplished; and finding nothing to satisfy them, either become dormant in their energies, or cease to frequent our Lodges." This increasing apathy is exerting a paralyzing influence upon the vital energies of Masonry, and threatens to rob her of all her ancient glory and renown. The time has arrived when every Institution, professing to be benevolent in its object should furnish to the world satisfactory evidence of its real character; and in no

other way can an Association, professing this character, retain its hold upon the confidence and affections of an enlightened, and generous public. In our Association we recognise *Benevolence* as its most prominent characteristic; this is avowed before the world; our friends and our enemies are looking for the proof that such is the character of Masonry, and we must raise higher our standard of liberality, or in vain may we make declarations of our character to the world, or "use the symbols as incentives to action and virtue" among ourselves. Other Institutions of benevolent character are flourishing, and to some extent supplanting the ancient and venerable Institution of Masonry. May not this be owing to their more active benevolence in relieving the necessities, and in giving to the world a more striking exhibition of their charitable character?

From the facts, briefly adverted to above, it is evident that there is a pressing and absolute necessity for something to be done to elevate the character, and promote the prosperity of our beloved Institution, if not, indeed, to perpetuate its existence. And what can we do that will more effectually secure our object, than to go heartily into the enterprise proposed. Let us rear up an institution of learning of the character indicated above, and when the question is asked, "What has Masonry done? What is she doing? Where are the evidences that she really sustains the character which she professes to bear? We can triumphantly point to our *charity* College, reared and sustained by the liberality of our philanthropic fraternity. We can point to the large class of beneficiaries in her halls, in training for usefulness in the world, who otherwise would pine in poverty and want, and die unknown to the world. And we can soon point to the Alumni of our Institution, filling offices of the first rank in our Republic, and in every department of society exerting a hallowed and conservative influence upon our common weal,

and with the immortal Cornelia we can exultingly say, "These *are our jewels.*"

But in the second place, we deem this splendid project *practicable.* Your committee would not be understood to say, that we are able at *once* to rear up an Institution of the grade and character contemplated, but that the project is *ultimately* practicable. And we base this opinion upon two considerations:

First, the resources of the association, which we may be able to command in the prosecution of the work: And secondly, the indomitable and persevering spirit which has ever characterised the efforts of our philanthropic fraternity for the accomplishment good.

In the State of North Carolina *alone,* independently of the assistance that we might reasonably expect from abroad, the means are abundant to carry forward this great enterprise. Some of the subordinate Lodges have surplus funds at their disposal, and we can but believe that they would be willing to contribute to the furtherance of so noble and benevolent an object. And is it not reasonable to suppose that as soon as we shall commit ourselves to this undertaking, that an influence will go out to all the subordinate Lodges which will waken them into new life and activity, and which will turn into the treasury of the Grand Lodge an augmenting tide of annual contributions which will greatly aid in this good work. But we do not depend mainly upon the funds of the Lodge, increased as we believe they will be, by the new impulse which our contemplated enterprise will give to the subordinate Lodges. We look to other sources. Many hundreds and thousands of our fraternity in this and other States, are men of wealth and votaries of learning, and we are confident that an appeal to them for individual donations to this Institution would not be made in vain. They will come up to this great work. It will commend itself to their hearts, it will appeal to their feelings in such an eloquent and irresistable manner that they cannot, they

will not turn a deaf ear to its calls. The undertaking is so benevolent, so philanthropic, that we can but feel a sort of assurance of success. And while the masons *generally* shall come forward with liberal donations to urge on this enterprise, may we not look with confidence, for assistance from the lovers of humanity, who are not of our fraternity? An Institution of the grade and character that we propose would commend itself to the confidence and affection of the public generally. For while it would be under the immediate patronage of the Masonic Fraternity, it would at the same time be perfectly free from any *sectarian* character, and would thus present itself to a generous public, free from the objections which arise in the minds of some to Institutions of a *denominational* character. And being *charitable* in its objects, and not confining its benefits to the children of Masons, but extending them to other poor boys, would tend still to strengthen its claims upon the support of those who are not of our Fraternity, and who are of no particular religious persuasion. It would, indeed, concentrate the streams of benevolence, flowing out from thousands of generous hearts, upon a single object.—Who can doubt but the resources are at command?—Hundreds of Institutions have grown up almost as by enchantment, under the influence of a single denomination. Shall we not be able to succeed in rearing an Institution which will gather around it the affections and support of all who are lovers of their species. We may not be able for some years to come to command the funds which would justify our contracting for the premises, College buildings &c., but as the funds shall accrue from the several sources enumerated above, we can make profitable investments of those funds until they shall be amply sufficient to justify entering upon the work.

Finally, the *spirit* which characterizes the benevolent efforts of our Fraternity, justifies the belief that if we commit ourselves to this enterprise, that we shall carry

it forward until the cap stone shall be laid on, with shoutings of "grace, grace unto it." In England, in Germany, and in other parts of Europe, as well as in some States in our Union, schools have long ago been reared, by our Fraternity for the education of indigent children of our poor brethren. Shall not the spirit which has reared Institutions of learning in the frigid climes of Sweden and Denmark, and poured the streams of knowledge upon thousands of untutored minds, rear up and sustain in the heart of our great Republic, an Institution to bless its millions? Humanity to the living and justice to the dead, answer yes. The departed spirits of our brethren appeal to our liberality and urge us forward; while the genius of universal philanthropy hovers over the mental and moral darkness that hangs around thousands of the destitute and suffering, lifts its voice amidst the gloom and says "Let there be light!" let the response echo and re-echo, from thousands of Masonic hearts, 'Amen, so mote it be.'

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will take the necessary steps to establish the Institution contemplated in the foregoing report.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Most W. Grand Master to devise and execute the most efficient means for raising by subscriptions or otherwise, funds for the establishment of said Institution.

Resolved, That a Financial Committee of five be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all such moneys as may be raised for this object, and make a safe and profitable investment of the same until, in the judgement of the Grand Lodge, the amount shall be sufficient to justify the commencement of the enterprise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. LEMAY,
T. LORING,
D. W. STONE,
Committee.

The following Resolution was introduced by Bro. Stone and unaminously adopted:

Resolved, That the University Lodge, No. 80, at Chapel Hill, have until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to pay their dues to the same for the years of 1842 and 1843.

Bro. T. S. Clark, presented a report and resolutions, adopted by St. John's Lodge, No. 96, at Kinston, on the subject of establishing a Masonic Seminary, under the auspices and patronage of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, as recommended by resolutions adopted, at the last Annual Communication of that body, which having been read, were, on motion of Bro. Lemay, ordered to be spread on the minutes of the Grand Lodge, and the originals ordered to be filed away in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

At a regular Communication of St. John's Lodge, No. 96, held at their Lodge-room, in Kinston, on Saturday, 4th Nov. A. L. 5843, and A. D. 1843, the Committee to whom was referred the communication from the M. W. Grand Master, on the subjeet of establishing a Seminary for the education of the children of indigent Masons, submitted the following report and accompanying resolutions, which were unaminously adopted.

REPORT.

Kinston, N. C. Nov. 4th 1843.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, &c. of St. John's Lodge, No. 96.

We, the Committee, appointed at the last regular Communication of this Lodge, to take into consideration the subject matter contained in a letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, directed to our Lodge, and requesting some action thereon, with a report of its views, at or before the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, which said letter refers to the propriety and policy of the Lodges throughout the State adopting means

necessary and proper for the establishing of a public Seminary of learning for the education of indigent children of our fellows throughout the State, &c., have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report for the action of this Lodge. The simple reading of the letter before the Lodge, by its clear and able exposition of the facts, at once inspires the mind of the philanthropist and friend of youth and of the poor; and calls to action all the generous and charitable feelings of the free and enlightened Mason, to add his mite towards the furtherance and completion of this important and noble work. We, the Committee, are unanimous for the favorable action of this Lodge upon the subject; and we cannot too highly recommend the same, and solicit its aid, with the associating Lodges, throughout the State, in Grand Lodge assembled, for the better and more perfect establishment of said school. And we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That this Lodge cordially reciprocates the resolution of the Grand Lodge, "that the time has arrived, when, if we would keep pace with the spirit of the age, and maintain the character and usefulness of our venerable Institution, the Grand Lodge should enter upon some great and benevolent enterprise, and direct its energies to the accomplishment of that object."

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Lodge the Grand Lodge and its affiliated Lodges, chartered and working under its jurisdiction, cannot direct their energies, and apply their funds towards the accomplishment of any enterprise more exalted in its character, and more benevolent in its object, than the education of the orphans and children of their deceased and destitute brethren throughout the State; and that this Lodge has heard with the liveliest emotions of satisfaction and approval, of the proposition to establish a Seminary for that purpose.

Resolved, That this Lodge recommend the establishment of a Seminary on the Manual Labor System, in or-

der that the physical, as well as the intellectual education be advanced, and its recipients be better prepared to lead virtuous and useful lives when discharged from the Institution; (Such Institution to be under the direction and supervision of the Grand Lodge, or of such persons as it may appoint for that purpose;) and that every Lodge, working under the Grand Lodge, have the power of appointing 1 pupil for every $ it may pay into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge for this purpose; and that such pupil be admitted to all the privileges of the Institution free from any charge whatever.

Resolved, That the surplus funds of this Lodge be, and they are hereby constituted a fund to be applied to this object; and that this Lodge pledges itself to use its heartly, zealous, and united co-operation to promote the success of this enterprise.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the Grand Lodge be furnished with a copy of these resolutions, signed by the Worshipful Master, and countersigned by the Secretary; and be instructed to lay them before that body at its next Annual Communication.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

GEO. T. LOVICK,
THOS. WOODLEY.
P. HARDEE,
WM. B. WEST.
W. H. HAYWOOD.
Committee.

St. John's Lodge, Kinston, 18*th Nov. A. L.* 5843.

I, Geo. T. Lovick, Master, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a literal transcript of the original, submitted to, and adopted by this Lodge at its regular Communication on Saturday, 4th Nov. A. L. 5843; and in attestation thereof, I hereunto attach my signature with the seal of this Lodge, and cause the Secretary to affix his signa-

ture, this 18th day of Nov. A. L. 5843, and A. D. 1843.

GEO. T. LOVICK, Master.

R. R. Canfield, Secretary.

Note—The blank in the 3d Resolution was left open until the Lodge has acquired more information on the subject, and therefore better prepared to act advisedly in filling it up. It may perhaps be also proper to state that *at present*, this Lodge has no *surplus funds*, they having been appropriated at a time prior to the adoption of the above Resolutions. Nevertheless, such funds as may hereafter accrue, over and above the necessary expenses of this Lodge, will by virtue of the above Resolutions, be carried to the credit of the Grand Lodge, should the suggestion of this Lodge receive the favorable action of that body. And this Lodge entertain the sincere hope that all our sister Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, will unite heart and hand in this good work, and never relax their exertions till it is in "the full tide of successful experiment," dispensing its blessing to the unfortunate class it is designed to aid, and furnishing a noble monument of that practical benevolence on which our venerable Order is based.

GEO. T. LOVICK, Master.

December 7th A. L. 5843. *A.* 1843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN H. WHEELER, G. M.
" " D. W. STONE, P. G. M.
" " D. S. CRENSHAW, P. G. M.
" " T. LORING, P. D. G. M.
R. W. T. J. LEMAY & W. J. LANGDON, G. C.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W. P. T.
W. HOLLISTER, G. J. W. P. T.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. Tr.
W. A. HARRISON, G. Sec'y.
F. H. REEDER, G. S. D.

G. H. CAIN, G. J. D. P. T.
P. W. FANNING, G. P. P. T.
NATHAN WILLIAMS, G. S. B. P. T.
W. G. HILL, G. M. P. T.
R. W. ASHTON, G. S. & T.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Bro. P. W. Fanning of St. John's Lodge, No, 1, Wilmington.

Bros. Hollister, Hutchings, and Johnson, of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh.

Bro. D. W. Stone, of University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill.

Bro. Williams, Stevens, and M'Pherson, of Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield.

Bro. W. J. Armstrong, of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg.

Bro. T. S. Clark, St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston.

Bro. D. S. Crenshaw, Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97, Wake.

Bro. D. W. Stone, Perquimmons Lodge, No. 106, Hertford.

The following standing Committees made their reports, which were unanimously concurred in.

On Grand Treasurer's Accounts, and Charters and dispensations.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Treasurer's accounts, beg to make the following report:

The Grand Treasurer submitted his accounts for examination this afternoon, by which it appears that there was in his hands at the last annual Communication, a balance of $ 997, estimating the 5 shares of Bank Stock at $100 per share, and a Note of Bro. J. D. Royster, the late Grand Steward and Tyler, for $ 33 83, for moneys received by him for the rent of the Basement Story in 1840, which he failed to pay over; and that he has received

from other sources, as specified in the account $328, making an aggregate amount of $1325 01; that he has paid out 1183 51; for which satisfactory vouchers were produced, which, with his, commission of 5 per cent. on 328, $16 40; $50 loss on the sale of the Bank Stock which was sold at $90 per share; leaves a balance in his hands up to this Communication of the Grand Lodge of $75 10, which consists of J. D. Royster's Note for 33 83, and cash 41 27. The greater part of the expenditures of the past year, were made for the necessary repairs done to the Lodge House, and as it is now in good order, there will not likely be a call for so large an outlay in several years to come. The Committee regret to find the funds of the Grand Lodge so very low, and hope that our subordinate Lodges will see the necessity of greater punctuality in paying up their dues; it is a lamentable fact that the resources of the Grand Lodge are now so low, that if any object worthy of the Grand Charity of the Grand Lodge, were to present itself, they have not the means to contribute to it. The stipend to the Grand Lodge, is so small, that no Lodge should permit itself to be in arrears; there are some 45 Lodges in regular existence under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; and other contributions, if regularly paid, would be ample for all ordinary purposes, and if withheld, the Grand Lodge must be and feel itself limited in its ability, to extend the ordinary charities which not unfrequently arise; and it is a reflection on our fraternity in the State that it should be suffered to be so.

Your Committee regret to learn, that unnecessary and reprehensible delays have existed in paying over the moneys received by the Grand Secretary, to the Grand Treasurer; and in order to remedy the recurrence, and as the Secretary is generally selected for mere clerical duties, they would recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That it shall hereafter be the duty of the

Grand Treasurer, to receive and receipt for all dues and moneys coming to the Grand Lodge from whatever source they may arise, and that he shall file a certificate with the Grand Secretary, of the Lodges that have paid, and how much has been paid, and the amounts received for Charters and Dispensations and Diplomas granted by the Grand Lodge at the end of every Communication of this Grand Lodge, and that when Charters or Dispensations or Diplomas are applied for, the Grand Secretary shall not issue them until the Grand Treasurer's receipt for them shall be produced and filed with him, and he shall certify on the back of each Charter, Dispensation or Diploma, that the receipt has been so filed with him, and that the Grand Treasurer shall pay over to the Grand Secretary, in every instance, the fees allowed him for issuing the Charter, Dispensation or Diploma, and take his receipt for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. STONE,
T. LORING,
Committee.

Wednesday Dec. 7, 1843.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report favorably to the application from St. John's Lodge No. 96, Kinston, for a Charter; said Lodge having heretofore been working under a dispensation from the R. W. Grand Lodge.

P. W. FANNING.
W. G. WALLACE.
Committee.

Dec. 7, 1843.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The subscriber, a delegate from St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston, most respectfully represents, that at an adjourned meeting of the above Lodge, a Resolution was unanimously adopted instructing their Delegates to apply to your must Worshipful Body for a charter, they having

been heretofore working under a dispensation only. The undersigned sincerely believes that the Lodge, which he has the honor to represent, in applying for a charter, are actuated only by the desire to improve themselves in Masonry, and to advance and elevate the interests and character of the Institution. Influenced only by these considerations, and determined always to abide by them, the undersigned respectfully petitions, in behalf of his Lodge, that the charter be issued in conformity with their wishes.

THOMAS. S. CLARK,
Delegate from St. John's Lodge,
No. 96, Kinston, N. C,

Raleigh, N. C. 6th Dec.
A. D. 1843, & A. L. 5843.

The special Committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master on the report of that part of his Annual Communication relative to the Proceedings of the late National Convention held in Baltimore, in May last, made a report, which was concurred in.

REPORT.

The Committee, which it has pleased the M. W. Grand Master to appoint, for the consideration of subjects connected with the late National Convention, convened at Baltimore, have performed the duty assigned them with as much fidelity as their ability, and time and circumstances would permit, and herewith most respectfully submit the result of their deliberations.

Before touching the main object of their appointment, the Committee cannot refrain from expressing their high gratification and heart-felt pride at the prosperous condition of our honorable Craft, so cheeringly manifesting itself, not only in our own State, but throughout the Country and the world at large; and they flatter themselves, that from present indications, and invariably favorable auspices happily attending every masonic movement, the time is not far distant when the great and unerring principles

of Masonry shall be so understood and so practised by all her votaries, that the whole world will be constrained to acknowledge her worth, and seek and obtain an interest in her benefits and blessings. *Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth* are the great tenets of our order—and the Mason who continually wears these precious jewels around his heart, and practices upon their requirements; remembering the *great being* in whom he puts his trust—is emphatically a *good man.* From these flow all the requirements of the mason's and the good man's life—to inculcate these noble and endearing principles, and to enlarge upon their virtues, are Masons bound together—to the perfection of so glorious a purpose are all the energies and influences of Masonry directed.

The proceedings of the late National Masonic Convention first claimed the attention of the Committee.

This Convention was approved by the Grand Lodge, by the appointment of a Delegate to attend; its deliberations, and to represent this State. The delegate so appointed, however, found it inconvenient to attend, the knowledge of which came at so late a day to the M. W. Grand Master, as to leave no alternative but to act himself, or suffer North Carolina to go unrepresented. With that zeal for the welfare of the Institution, which the Committee are happy to add, ever characterises our M. W. Grand Master, he very promptly repaired to Baltimore and represented in person the great interests over which he is appointed to preside.

On examining the proceedings of the Convention, the Committee cannot but highly approve the same, and commend them to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge.

In order to call forth an expression from the Grand Lodge, the Committee submit the following Resolution, as recommended by the Convention.

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of the State of ——— that the "Rules for the organization and establishing a

Grand Convention of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," as passed by the Convention of Masons at the meeting in May, in the year 1843, in the city of Baltimore, composed of eight sections; as the same are set forth in the printed proceedings thereof, be, and the same are hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Rules for the organization and establishing a Grand Convention of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Section 1. A grand Masonic Convention of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons is hereby established for the United States, and shall consist and be composed of representatives from the several Grand Lodges of the United States, one from each—to be chosen, elected, or appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodges respectively may think proper to employ.

Sec. 2. The Convention, when duly established, shall have power and authority.

1st. To decide upon and settle a uniform mode and form of Masonic work, lectures, and ceremonies, so as to retain the ancient customs, ceremonies and forms, and to provide for the necessary instruction therein.

2nd. To prescribe for the fraternity a uniform mode and form for issuing certificates of good standing, and the effect thereof.

3rd. To hear and decide all questions of difference which may be submitted to them in convention by two or more Grand Lodges. Provided, however, that such decision shall bind no Grand Lodge not a party to such reference.

4th. To adopt and enforce a set of rules for the government of the deliberations of the Convention.

5th. At each meeting of the Convention to determine and fix the time and place of each succeeding triennial meeting of the Convention.

Sec. 3. The several Grand Lodges which may adopt the foregoing rules, shall at their annual communication next before the last of March in the year 1846, and at

corresponding meetings every third year thereafter, elect or appoint, in such manner as they each respectively may think proper, one trusty, well skilled, Brother Master Mason (a resident of the State within which the Grand Lodge is held, of which he is a representative) a representative in said Convention.

SEC. 4. The Representatives of the several Grand Lodges shall each produce a certificate of his appointment, attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge from which he comes—which certificate so attested shall entitle the Brother therein named to membership in the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Convention shall meet for business once every three years, at such day and place as may be ordered as herein provided.

SEC. 6. Whenever any Grand Lodge may so order that they will no longer remain a Member of the Convention, such Grand Lodge shall not be represented in the Convention, nor bound by its acts.

SEC. 7. The foregoing rules and grant of power shall not be altered or enlarged, except by recommendation of the Convention, and the consent of two-thirds of the Grand Lodges belonging to the Convention.

SEC. 8. Whenever thirteen or more Grand Lodges, by resolution or otherwise, shall adopt the foregoing rules, the same shall be established and the Convention taken as duly organized as to such Grand Lodges as may so adopt them.

The Committee further recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That the mode of work recommended by the Convention be adopted by this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to order one dozen copies of the new *Masonic Trestleboard*, published on the above authority, By Brother Moore of Boston, for the use of the Grand Lodge and Lecturers.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve the sugges-

tion of the National Convention, that the Grand Lodges unite in sending a Delegate to Europe.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge concur in the Resolution of the National Convention, recommending to the several Grand Lodges, that the next meeting of the Grand Masonic Convention of Free and Accepted Masons, be held in the city of Winchester, Va. on the second Monday in may 1846.

P. W. FANNING,
W. G. WALLACE.

Dec. 1843. *Committee.*

The following Standing Committees not being ready to make their reports, were granted farther time, viz:

On Communications from Grand Lodges, and Miscellaneous Subjects, Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge, and Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master, was pleased to appoint Bro. P. W. Fanning delegate from St. John's Lodge No. 1, Wilmington, in connection with other brethren heretofore appointed, on the examination of the Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges, and report such action as may be necessary to be taken in relation to delinquent Lodges.

Bro. Fanning introduced the following Resolutions, which were read and adopted.

Resolved, That the resolution of the Grand Lodge passed Dec. 18th 1823, in reference to the badges to be worn at Funeral Solemnities be, and the same is hereby expunged, and that the following be substituted in its place.

Resolved, That all Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall, henceforth, at Funeral Solemnities, appear as uniformly dressed as possible, in white aprons, with the usual mourning badges, and that on all other public occasions they appear dressed in full regalia peculiar to their Masonic rank.

Bro. P. W. Taylor, appeared in the Grand Lodge and made known that he had been appointed a delegate of Columbus Lodge No. 102, Pittsboro,' and his Credentials were in the prossesion of his Colleague, who would be present during this Communication, at which time they would be handed in.

When, on motion of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Taylor was allowed a seat as delegate of said Lodge, in this Grand Lodge during its session.

On motion of Bro. T. S. Clark, the following resolution was unaminously adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased the supreme Architect of the Universe, in the exercise of a mysterious and inscrutable yet all wise Providence, to remove our Bro. J. O. K. Williams of Beaufort, a former officer of this Grand Lodge, from among his brethren and friends in this state of earthly probation to a state of endless duration in a higher and a happier sphere above, whereby we have been deprived of a faithful and worthy brother, therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, have heard with unfeigned sorrow, of the death of our worthy Brother and former officer Bro. J. O. K. Williams, and that it sincerely sympathise with his bereaved and grief-stricken family for their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That this preamble and Resolution be spread upon the records of the Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof be forwarded to Bro. Williams' family by the Worshipful Grand Master, with the assurances of our sincere condolence in their melancholy bereavement.

Bro. T. J. Lemay, presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Seminary of Learning to be erected by the Grand Lodge, shall be located in the county of Wake, and placed under the management and direction of a board of Trustees, to be appointed, seven, by the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, and one by each Subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction, whose names shall be reported to this

Lodge in the returns, any five of whom shall be competent for the transaction of business.

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to procure a charter for said Institution from the next General Assembly.

Resolved, That after paying all necessary expenses of the Lodge, whatever sum over $300 may remain in the hands of the Grand Treasurer as a surplus belonging to the Lodge, shall be annually appropriated to the use of the said Institution, and shall be paid over to the Financial Committee and invested as heretofore provided, and it is earnestly recommended to the Subordinate Lodges to make a similar appropriation annually of their surplus funds.

On motion, it was ordered to lay on the table until our next meeting.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Brethren were duly elected.

Bro. JOHN H. WHEELER, Grand Master.
" P. W. FANNING, G. S. Warden.
" W. P. TAYLOR, G. J. Warden.
" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, Grand Treasurer.
" W. A. HARRISON, Grand Secretary.

On motion, It was ordered that a Committee of three be appointed, to wait on some Past Grand Master, and request his attendance to install the Grand officers elect.

The Committee appointed in Compliance with the foregoing resolution, were Bro's. Lemay, Hollister and Johnson.

On motion of Bro. T. S. Clark the following resolution was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, regard the "Freemason's Magazine," published at Boston by Brother C. W. Moore, as a highly valuable and useful publication, and eminently entitled to the patronage of all good and true Masons; and that this Grand Lodge

most earnestly recommends it to the patronage of all subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, and to the members of the fraternity generally.

The Grand Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment until Saturday at 7 o'clock P. M.

W. A. HARRISON, *Gr. Sec'y.*

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Saturday evening, 7 *o'clock.*

December 9, *A. L.* 5843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. J. H. WHEELER, G. M.
" " T. LORING, P. D. G. M.
R. W. W. J. LANGDON, G. Chaplain.
" " C. GRIMME, G. S. W. P. T.
" " W. HOLLISTER, G. J. W. P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
W. A. HARRISON, G. Sec'y.
P. W. FANNING, G. P. P. T.
D. W. STONE, P. G. M. G. S. B. P. T.
O. SUGG, G. M. P. T.
F. H. REEDER, G. S. D.
G. H. CAIN, G. J. D. P. T.
Bro. R. W. ASHTON, G. S. & T.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE LODGES.

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington—Bro. P. W. Fanning.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro's. Hollister and Hutchings.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth—Bro. D. W. Stone.

Widow's Son Lodge No. 75 Camden—Bro. D. W. Stone.

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill—Bro. D. W. Stone.

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, Hertford—Bro. D. W. Stone.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Bro's. Grimme, Cain and Sugg.

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges, made a report which was concurred in.

REPORT.

The Committee to whom were referred Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges and dues from the same; the alledged irregularities in Davie Lodge, No. 39; the delinquency of some of the Lodges and the appointment of Grand Lecturers, beg to report:

They have been furnished by the Grand Secretary, with Returns from the following Lodges, viz:

Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro', dues paid	$10
Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte, dues paid	10
St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, dues paid	10
St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston, dues paid	20
Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90, Williamston, dues paid	30
Perservance Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth, dues paid	10
Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75, Camden Co. dues paid	10

All of which have made their returns full, regular and in due form

University Lodge, No. 80, Chapel Hill, dues suspended.
Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh, dues not paid.

Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97, Wake Co., dues paid	10
Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield, dues paid	20
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, Hertford, dues paid	10
Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsboro', dues paid	10
Joseph Warren, Lodge, No. 92, Stantonsburg, dues p.	10

But no returns.

Making the whole amount received for dues of 1843, and dues in arrear $150. Only 14 Lodges have made any returns—and but 11 of them have paid their dues; 3 of the Lodges that have made returns, have not paid their

dues; one of them, University Lodge No. 80, being unable to pay now, has had the payment postponed to the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge. By the last annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge, there appears to be 45 Lodges now working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; 31 of which number have been culpably negligent in not making returns and not paying their dues.

The Committee were gratified to learn by a Communication from Davie Lodge No. 39, and the Report of the Grand Master, that the unfortunate difficulties and ill feelings among the members of that Lodge had been amicably adjusted, and that good order and good fellowship had been restored, and they were again going on with their work in peace and harmony; and they congratulate the Brethren of Davie Lodge on so happy a termination to so unpleasant a difficulty, and hope they will ever hereafter continue to work in harmony and peace and good will; and the thanks of the Grand Lodge, of Davie Lodge, and of the whole masonic fraternity in the State, are due to our worthy Grand Master, for the prompt and judicious steps which he took to adjust and succeeded in quelling the difficulties which had arisen in that Lodge.

On the subject of Grand Lecturers, your Committee do not believe that any competent Brethren could be selected for that purpose by the Grand Lodge, whose business could allow them time to go round to the several Lodges and lecture; so as to be of any material benefit to them, and they would recommend the rule heretofore adopted, that a brother of good standing be appointed in judicial District as Grand Lecturer, who may attend as many or as few of the Lodges as he pleases and may find it convenient to do—and if the Subordinate Lodges should want information in their mode of working, let them employ a brother of good standing to lecture them on such terms as they may agree upon; the expenses to be borne by the Lodge requiring the service.

Your Committee cannot close their report, without expressing their sincere regret at the negligence manifested by most of the Lodges in complying with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, to make annual returns, and to pay their dues; and they do hope that they will strive to do better hereafter. Some of the returns [illegible] made without giving the names of the suspended, e[illegible] and rejected. It is very material that this sho[illegible] be omitted, as it is only by the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge that many of our Sister Lodges can learn who have been rejected, suspended, or expelled; and if this omission of the names in the returns is made, they are liable to be imposed on by unworthy pers[illegible] they hope, therefore, that in future, all the Subordin[illegible]dges will see the necessity of complying strictly with [illegible]is requisition.

Your Committee will close their report by recommending the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which sh[illegible] fail to make due returns and pay up all their due[illegible]rrear, by or before the next annual Communicatio[illegible] this Grand Lodge, or give some satisfactory excuse for their negligence and ommission to do so, shall forfeit the privilege of longer working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to call upon them for a surrender of their Charter, Jewels &c., to the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. STONE.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS.
Committee.

The Committee appointed at the last Communication of the Right W. G. Lodge, to have any necessary repairs done the Masonic Hall made their report, which was received.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed, at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, to have necessary repairs done to the basement of the Lodge House, beg leave to report.

Shortly after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, advertisement was made for sealed proposals to effect the work. The lowest bid was $750, by Messrs. Simons and Warren, which was considerobly lower than any other offer. The Committee deemed it necessary to change the the character of the details in the advertisement, but not the aggregate amount of work.

Extra work to the amount of $63 was ordered by the Committee, as coming within their powers. The whole amount expended is $813.

Brother Lemay, one of the Committee, declined acting with the undersigned—who, in this default, consulted the Worshipful Grand Master during the progress of the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. LORING,
W. A. HARRISON.

Dec. 9th 1843. *Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Stone, It was ordered that the Resolution of Bro. T. J. Lemay, on the subject of the Seminary of Learning, lay on the table until the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. P. W. Fanning the following resolution was read and adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter when any Delegate shall have presented his credentials, it shall be considered out of order for such Delegate to leave the city during the Session of the Grand Lodge, without sanction.

The Committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to wait on some P. Grand Master and request his attendance to install the Grand Officers elect for the ensuing year, reported that they had waited on Bro. D. W. Stone, P. G. M. who was present to perform said duty.

On motion, The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of the Grand officers elect.

When the following brethren were duly installed:

Bro. J. H. WHEELER, G. M.
" P. W. FANNING, G. S. W.
" W. HOLLISTER, proxy for W. P. TAYLOR.
" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. Tr.
" W. A. HARRISON, G. S.

Bro. T. S. Clark, Delegate of St. John's Lodge No. 96, Kinston, appeared and took his seat, having been engaged in preparing the report of the Committee on Foreign Communications and Miscellaneous subjects.

The M. W. G. Master, then made the following appointments for the ensuing year:

Bro. D. L. Swain, L L. D. President of the University of North Carolina, Deputy Grand Master.

Rev. Bro's. W. M. Green, of Chapel Hill,
T. J. Lemay, of Raleigh.
W. J. Langdon, of Raleigh.
Q. H. Trotman, of Gates Co.
Grand Chaplains.

GRAND LECTURERS.

1st	Judicial	District,	Bro.	R. C. Borland, of	Hertford.
2d	"	"	"	Jno. S. Hawks, of	Newbern.
3d	"	"	"	A. S. Mooring of	Martin.
4th	"	"	"	H. K. Nash, of	Orange.
5th	"	"	"	I. Northrop, of	Wilmington.
6th	"	"	"	J. W. Osborne, of	Charlotte.
7th	"	"	"	S. F. Patterson, of	Raleigh.

Bro. William G. Hill, of Raleigh, G. S. B.
" W. Hollister, of Raleigh, G. P.
" Jno. M. Flemming of Wake Forest, G. M.
" F. H. Reeder, of Raleigh, G. S. D.
" G. H. Cain, of Raleigh, G. J. D.
" R. W. Ashton, of Raleigh, G. S. & T.

The following resolutions were introduced by Bro. P. W. Fanning.

Resolved, That the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be read in open Lodge of each of the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, that due notice thereof may be had of the same by all the brethren, and also that the Lodges preserve the same and if possible have them bound.

Resolved, That it having been determined by the National Masonic Convention that a Lodge has not the power to try its Master, which opinion has been concurred in by this Grand Lodge, and also by previous decisions made heretofore by this Grand Lodge, that it is proper that some provision should be made, for such cases which in future may unhappily occur.

Resolved, That in case of gross unmasonic conduct in any Master of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that the M. W. G. Master, for the time being, on the facts being represented to him by a majority of the acting members of the Lodge, shall have power to suspend the said Master, if necessary, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when and where the case can be examined and tried.

Resolved, That each of the Grand Lecturers appointed by virtue of the resolution of Dec. 1838, be commissioned by the M. W. Grand Master under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and that said Lecturer thus appointed inform the Grand Master whether he accepts said commission, and if he accepts, that he be furnished with the new Masonic Trestleboard lately adopted, and a list of the Lodges, that it is expected he must visit and lecture; and also said Lecturer shall have power to call upon delinquent Lodges to forward to the Grand Secretary the dues of said Lodges, a list of which shall be furnished him, as also the amount of their dues, and in case they refuse, to report the refusal to the Grand Master, who shall have authority to direct said Lecturer, or some other suitable person, to demand and receive their Charter, Jewels and other property—who shall report such facts, and all their proceedings in such other cases to the Grand Master.

Should the delinquent Lodges hold and possess real estate, the said Lecturer shall advise the Grand Master of the same, who shall communicate all proceedings to the next Grand Lodge. The Lecturers are entitled to receive by resolution, adopted 1838, of the Grand Lodge, ten dollars for each Lodge they may visit, and such other allowances as may be right and proper.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge fraternally recommend to the Craft, the revival of their Lodges, and that each Grand Lecturer be instructed to impress the importance of the subject, the necessity for healthful and vigorous action, and thus this Grand Lodge hopes a uniform mode of working, a benevolent, and well concerted system of operation, which will tend much to the honor and welfare of our ancient and venerable institution.

Resolved, That all resolutions conflicting with the above be and are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master appoint some brother to be associated with the Grand Treasurer, as a School Committee, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the lower Story of this building, and grant the use of it to some suitable person, who may agree in consideration thereof, to school some certain number of children whom the Committee may select and consider as claiming Masonic protection and charities; and the Committee are hereby, also, allowed sufficient funds of the Grand Lodge to procure the necessary books.

Resolved, Further, That if the above arrangement cannot be made, the Committee be allowed to rent the Rooms to the best advantage, and apply the proceeds to the same object, reporting their proceedings annually to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to have the value of $1200 immediately insured on this building, and never suffer the policy to expire while this resolution continues in force.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master be requested to

appoint a General Grand Lecturer, suitably qualified for the station, whose duty it shall be to attend the Grand Lodge when in Session, to perfect himself in the Lectures as recommended by the National Convention, to co-operate with the other Grand Lecturers, and to visit any Subordinate Lodge requiring his service, provided such Lodge afford him reasonable compensation.

Resolved, That no Brother not a member of some Lodge or the Grand Lodge, is eligible to any appointment in the gift of this Grand Lodge or the M. W. Grand Master.

The above resolution laid over.

The Committee on Communications from Grand Lodges and Miscellaneous subjects, submitted the following report, which was unanimously received.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

The Committee appointed by the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, on the Reports of Grand Lodges and Miscellaneous subjects, have had the same under their consideration, and beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have had laid before them the Reports of the Grand Communications of the M. W. Grand Lodges of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Territory of Florida, Republic of Texas; most of which contain useful and important information to the Craft; and is well calculated to produce an increasing interest in all that pertains to our venerable Institution in the heart of every Mason, (as well in this as in other countries,) and to unity and the proper appreciation of its powers and duties. Your Committee are pleased to learn that there is an increasing

and absorbing attention to the improvement of the Order and the elevation and advancement of its glorious principles by the different Grand Lodges above alluded to; and we find but little to interrupt the peace, or disturb the general harmony of their proceedings. In accomplishing the objects for which your Committee was instituted, they find it necessary to refer to some of the most interesting details contained in the reports of the annual Communications of those Lodges from whom we have received them. Your Committee extremely regret that their limited time will not permit them to give a copious abstract of the highly valuable information contained in them. They regret this the more, because there is so much that is useful and important in those proceedings, that they think that every Mason should be acquainted with them. But as it is impossible for them to give even a brief synopsis of their contents, they must reluctantly content themselves to refer to such matters only as they think it desirable and expedient for this Gr. Lodge to take some action upon. The first particular to which your Committee request your attention is the action of some of the Grand Lodges excluding Israelites from all participation in the benefits and privileges of Masonry. Your Committee believe that the political or religious sentiments of any one, should never be made the subject, of inquiry in any Grand Lodge; and they are fortified in this belief from the fact that this Grand Lodge passed a resolution at its annual Communication in A. L. 5835, declaring, as a duty which they owed to themselves, as well as to the whole Masonic Fraternity, "that while its individual members are left to the free and unmolested enjoyment of their sentiments upon the various subjects connected with religion and politics, and the right to judge of men and their action, they thereby most *solemnly declare*, that Masonic Bodies have not the right to connect the Institution with the sectarian views of either; that any attempt thereat, is a gross innovation upon those

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principles, which, among good and correct Masons, are universally acknowledged, and should be universally practiced upon." But it strikes your Committee, as an act of peculiar and palpable injustice to exclude those whose countrymen were the head and founders of our Order.—They believe it to have been a measure both unjust and unwise; for they are constrained to believe, that in rejecting our Jewish brethren, we should be striking a fatal and suicidal blow at the very foundation of our venerable Institution, and the ancient and time-honored landmarks of our noble Order. And this will appear as clear as a sunbeam, when we reflect that the first and best of our most ancient Order—its founders and fathers, were Israelites; and if we now refuse that reviled and unhappy race a participation in its benefits, with what consistency can we date its origin back to the most prosperous days of that once highly favored people, when they enjoyed the smiles of a gracious Providence, and the head of that nation was the acknowledged head of the Craft.

The next subject to which your Committee beg leave to direct your attention, is that of establishing Masonic Seminaries or Literary Institutes, under the auspices and patronage of the various Grand Lodges throughout the country. After the very interesting and able report submitted to and adopted by your R. W. body, during its present session, very little remains for us to say on the subject. So clearly and forcible are the benefits and advantages likely to arise from the establishment of such an Institution, and the obligations resting on us to perfect and carry into execution a work of such exalted and benevolent enterprise, enforced in that report, that it would be a work of supererogation in us to add anything more in addition to what has been already said on the subject. Yet your Committee cannot refrain from saying, that as we recognise the claims of the widows and orphans of deceased and destitute brethren on our charity, for the relief of their physical wants, then it follows that their

claims to our assistance to remove their intellectual and moral destitution are but the more forcible and unanswerable. If we admit that our Masonic obligations imperiously require us to minister to their bodily comfort and enjoyment, when in a needy and necessitous state, how much more imperatively do those obligations impose on us the duty of extending to them that higher and nobler charity which will qualify them to lead lives of virtuous and christian usefulness here, and fit them for a state of eternal happiness hereafter. Your Committee are happy to inform you that, as they learn from the reports laid before them, these are the sentiments and feelings of many of our sister Lodges throughout the United States, on this momentous subject. While some of the Grand Lodges have such Institutions already, "in the full tide of successful experiment," others are actively and anxiously devising ways and means for the speedy establishment of similar Institutions; and even those so prostrated in a pecuniary point of view as to be unable at this time take any immediate action for the accomplishment of this noble and philanthropic object; they are nevertheless sanguinely looking forward to the day as not far distant when they shall be able to engage in this praiseworthy and benevolent enterprise, and exhibit to their admiring and grateful countrymen, a practical illustration of those high and noble principles by which they profess to be governed, and on which their order is founded.

We desire to invite your attention, in the first place, to the proceedings of the National Convention which assembled in Baltimore in May last. After the very interesting report made by the M. W. Gr. Master of this Rt. Worshipful body to it, at the present session, on this subject, we have but little to say. So satisfactorily is it treated of there, that all necessity of our referring at any length to its proceedings, is entirely obviated. We beg leave, therefore, only to state that they have met with the general ac-

quiescence and approval of the Gr. Lodges of this country. Many of the Gr. Lodges have embodied the minutes of their proceedings in their annual reports, for the information of the various subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction; and your Committee recommend that the same course be pursued by this body, in order that all the subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction may have the necessary information therein contained.

In the fifth place, we invite your attention to the certificate system, as recommended by several Gr. Lodges in the U. S. and also by the late National Convention. Some of these Lodges make it indispensable to the admission of any visiting brother from any other State, that he produce a Certificate, under the signature and seal of the Grand Lodge of the State in which he resides; and if he cannot produce such certificate as required by this regulation, admittance is peremtorily refused. Your Committee would therefore recommend to all brethren, in good standing, intending to leave the State, to procure from this Gr. Lodge a properly authenticated certificate of their membership, if they desire to be recognised in their Masonic relation by any Institution in such State that they may visit in which this regulation may exist. Your Committee believe that too much circumspection cannot be exercised, in order to guard against the attempts of impostors to gain admission into the legally constituted Lodges of our Fraternity. Some of this unworthy class are almost always prowling about, seeking to evade the vigilance of brethren, or deceive the unsuspecting by their false representations, and still more false pretensions to the character and fellowship of Masons. And regarding the Certificate system, as a great safe-guard against the attempts of these unworthy creatures, the Committe earnestly recommend that it be adopted by the Gr. Lodge of N. C. Your Committee would also at the same time recommend to all the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this body, to require that every visiting brother

who cannot be vouched for by some brother present, to undergo an examination, before admitting him to the Lodge, notwithstanding he may be prepared to produce a genuine certificate; and thus assurance will be rendered doubly sure, and all attempts at imposition be rendered perfectly futile, and only recoil on the heads of those who may basely and dishonorably resort to them. And these certificates will not only serve to protect the Institution against the efforts of the unworthy, but will at the same time afford to the widows and orphans of deceased brethren the strongest testimony of the truth and justice of their claims on the assistance and good offices of our Fraternity.

The right of a brother to sit in the Gr. Lodge, as a delegate from any subordinate Lodge, unless he be at the time *actually* a member of good standing in some subordinate Lodge, claims our attention in the 6th place. This subject appears to have engaged the attention of some of our sister Gr. Lodges, and after investigating it carefully, they have decided that no brother is entitled to a seat in the Gr. Lodge, who is not at the time a member of a subordinate Lodge. There are many reasons to urge in support of this decision, which will present themselves to your own minds at once. The only one which we think necessary to advert to is, that by it Masons will be induced to remain members of Lodges and not withdraw from them after they have gone through all the degrees. And thus the subordinate Lodges will continue to enjoy their influence and co-operation. Your Committee recommend and urge on you the expediency and advantage of adopting a similar regulation. The next call to your attention, in the seventh place, is the practice of receiving promissory notes, or due-bills, in payment of dues and fees to the subordinate Lodges. The Grand Master of New York, in an address delivered to the Gr. Lodge of that State, in 1842, imputes to this cause, the *destruction* of many Lodges. "The *chief* cause of the destruction of

many Lodges has been brought to light," he says, "by the discovery of large amounts of promissory notes in their chests, which had been reçeived for fees and dues; and when the money was required, the drawers found it more convenient and popular *to renounce Masonry*, than redeem their promises." The G. M. of Tennessee, in an address delivered to the Grand Lodge of that State on the 18th July, 1842, says that "wherever such a practice prevails, it *must*, in time, result in mischief. The welfare of the order will be consulted if the Grand Lodge will adopt a positive regulation forbidding such practices." Your Committee would also add that this subject received the attention of the Grand Lodge of Mass., and believing that many evils arose from the practice alluded to, prohibited it by the 11th section of 5th chap. of their By-Laws. And the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in May, 1842, unanimously adopted a resolution requiring their subordinate Lodges *invariably* to be paid in advance, in all cases except that of an officiating clergyman. Many of the reports express in strong and decided terms their disapprobation of the practice, and also of transacting business in any degree below that of Master Mason, unless such business is *necessarily* connected with the E. A. or F. C's degree.

We claim your attention, in the 8th place, to the practice of the Gr. Lodges of Europe and some of the Grand Lodges of the United States, permitting the conferring of the Past Master's degree by a Blue Lodge. Your Committee are of opinion that this is both right and proper; and they recommend that the B. L's under jurisdiction of your body be invested with like power at once. In the 9th and last place, we desire particularly to ask your attention to the established usage in England, and the Republic of Texas, of *always* having an *Inner Guard* at the door, in addition to the Tyler, or Outer Guard. Your Committee highly approve of this practice, believing that the interest and safety of the craft require it, that its se-

crets and mysteries will be much more secure, if this regulation be adopted. In confirmation of this, your Committee would refer to the fact of a young lady having been concealed in a Lodge-room in England, while the ceremony of conferring the 1st two degrees was performed; being alarmed at what she saw, she glided noiselessly through the large hall, to the door, unperceived by any one; and silently opening it, would have retired unperceived, if the Tyler, or Outer Guard had not arrested her in her hasty and terrified flight. It is needless to remark that if an *Inner Guard* had been stationed at the door, detection must have ensued as soon as she had emerged from her hiding place; and your Committee think it not improbable that this remarkable circumstance, led to the erection of that office, and the appointment of that officer. They think it both a proper and necessary one, and earnestly urge you to create a similar one.

Your Committee sincerely regret that they have been able to perform the duty assigned them so imperfectly, from the necessity of speedy action on the subject. The Reports laid before them contain such a mass of highly valuable information, that it would have been a work of greater labor than their other duties and engagements would permit them to bestow upon it, in order to have gone more into detail than they have. And in view of the important and useful matter contained in those papers, they recommend that they be bound and preserved for the future use of this Grand Lodge. Your Committee have the honor also, to recommend the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the address contained in the minutes of the Proceedings of the National Convention, held in Baltimore, in May last, be incorporated and published with the Proceedings of the present Annual Communication of this Body, in order that the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction may be made acquainted with the valuable suggestions contained therein, and as far as practicable, carry their recommendations into effect.

Resolved, That hereafter no person claiming to be a Delegate from any subordinate Lodge to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of N. C., shall be recognized as such, or be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge as a member thereof, unless he shall produce a certificate of his appointment authenticated by the signatures of the Worshipful Master, and the Senior and Junior Wardens, and countersigned by the Secretary of the Lodge which he is appointed to represent, and further attested by having the seal of said Lodge attached thereto.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of N. C., do insist upon all the Lodges working under its jurisdiction, confining themselves to the transaction of all the business of their respective Lodges in the Master Mason's Degree; except such as necessarily and exclusively relates to the Entered Apprentices' and Fellow Craft's Degree, and lecturing upon the same; and this practice be in no case deviated from.

Adopted:

Resolved, That all the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby expressly and positively required to receive all fees for conferring degrees in their respective Lodges, invariably in advance; and in no case to confer a Degree unless the regular fee be so paid in.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do appoint, and all the subordinate Lodges likewise be required to appoint an *Inner Guard*, to be stationed at the door *within* the Lodge, to prevent entrance or departure of any one without the consent and permission of the Master thereof.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

THOS. S. CLARK,
WESLEY HOLLISTER,
A. S. MOORING.

Committee.

The following resolution was introduced by Brother T. S. Clark, read and adopted:

At a regular Communication of St. John's Lodge, No. 96, held at their Lodge room in Kinston, on Saturday, 2nd. Sept. A L. 5843, and A. D. 1843, the following resolution was submitted, considered, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our Delegates duly apply to the Grand Lodge for whatever moneys may be in the hands of the Treasurer of the old Lodge, that the same may be applied to the use and purposes of the present Lodge, in repairing its building, purchasing furniture, &c.

St. John's Lodge, Kinston, 18th Nov. A. L. 5843.

I, Geo. T. Lovick, Master, do hereby certify the above Resolution to be a true copy from the records of this Lodge, and in attestation thereof I hereunto attach my signature with the seal of this Lodge, and cause the Secretary to affix his signature, this 18th day of Nov. A. L. 5843, and A. D. 1843.

GEO. T. LOVICK, Master.

R. R. CANFIELD, Sect'y.

Bro. P. W. Fanning, Delegate of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, and Bro. T. S. Clark, of St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston, were granted leave of absence during the Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment until Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, P. M.

W. A. HARRISON, *Gr. Sec'y.*

Thursday evening, 7 *o'clock.*

December 14, *A. L.* 5843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

M. W. J. H. WHEELER, G. M.
" " D. S. CRENSHAW, P. G. M.
R. W. W. J. LANGDON, G. Chaplain.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W. P. T.
" " W. HOLLISTER, G. J. W. P. T.
" " C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.

W. A. HARRISON, G. Sec'y.
H. W. MILLER, G. P. P. T.
J. M. FLEMMING, G. S. B.
W. R. DEDNAM, G. M. P. T.
F. H. REEDER, G. S. D.
W. J. RAMSAY, G. J. D. P. T.
R. W. ASHTON, G. S. & T.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro's Johnson, Hollister and Hutchings.

Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Hillsboro'—Bro. J. N. Palmer.

Line Lodge, No. 89, Duplin Old Court House—Bro. A. B. Chesnutt.

Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97, Wake—Bro's. Crenshaw and Flemming.

Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Clinton—Bro. A. B. Chesnutt.

Columbus Lodge, No. 102, Pittsboro'—Bro. O. L. Burch.

Bro. W. B. Dunn, P. D. G. Master.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Bro's. Miller, DeCarteret, J. G. Jeffreys. Simms, Sugg and Dednam.

A Communication was received from Mr. Giles Johnson, former member of Morning Star, Lodge, No. 85, Nashville, who had been expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by said Lodge, and praying to be restored by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

When on motion: It was referred to a committee of two, consisting of Bro's. Hollister and Hutchings to examine into the causes of said expulsion.

The Committee on accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, report the following accounts, and recommend they be allowed, viz:

Bro. Thos. Loring's account for printing 200 copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1842,	$74 83
July 12, 6½ quires of Circular Letters,	7 00

Aug. 14, $8\frac{1}{2}$ do	do do (double form)	
	by Bro. John H. Wheeler,	10 00
Dec.	Adv. meeting, An. Com. 3 times,	1 50
	Printing Receipts for Grand Lodge,	2 00
		$ 95 33
Bro.	T. J. Lemay's account for	
	Advertising repairs of Masonic Hall,	5 00
	Additional Notice,	1 00
Whole amount		$ 101 33

The following resolution was offered by Bro. D. J. Crenshaw, read and unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge of N. C. has learned with unfeigned regret of the death of our worthy brother, the Hon. W. M. Montgomery, of Orange, and sincerely sympathise with the Masonic Fraternity and his bereaved family, for their irreparable loss.

On motion of Bro. Crenshaw, the following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge celebrate the approaching Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, on the 27th of December, and that the M. W. G. Master, appoint a Committee to procure the services of some brother to pronounce a sermon or oration on the occasion, at which time the officers of Hiram Lodge will be installed in public.

In compliance with the foregoing resolution, the M. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bro's. Crenshaw, Loring and Hutchings, a committee.

Brother Thomas Loring, P. D. G. Master, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge concur in the resolution of the National Convention, recommending to the several Grand Lodges, that the next meeting of the Masonic Convention of Free and Accepted Masons, be held in the city of Winchester, Va. on the second Monday in May 1846.

Bro. W. W. Johnson was appointed by the M. W. G. Master in connection with the G. Treasurer in compliance with a resolution offered by Bro. P. W. Fanning on Saturday evening, Dec. 9th 1843, which was adopted, to take charge of the lower story of this Hall and use it for the purposes expressed in said resolution.

On motion of the Grand Secretary:

The following preamble and resolution was read and adopted:

Whereas it appears from the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, that there are charges against Hiram Lodge No. 98, Clinton, for the non-payment of dues for the years of 1836-'37-'38-'39-'40-'41-'42 and '43. And whereas a receipt has been produced by the Delegate from said Lodge given by brother Thomas L. Gregory, late Gr. Lecturer, in full for dues of said Lodge, for the year of 1837, and the Delegate having paid for the years of 1838, '93-'40-'41-'42 and '43.

Be it therefore resolved, That the dues of said Lodge, be, and they are hereby stricken out for the years of 1836-'37.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock P. M.

Friday evening, Dec. 15, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. W. J. H. WHEELER, G. M.
" " T. LORING, P. D. G. M.
W. W. JOHNSON, G. J. W. P. T.
W. HOLLISTER, G. J. W. P. T.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. T.
W. A. HARRISON, G. S.
W. G. HILL, G. P.
W. T. BAIN, G. S. B. P. T.
WILLIS SCOTT, G. M. P. T.
F. H. REEDER, G. J. D.

W. M. FLEMMING, G. M. P. T.
R. W. ASHTON, G. S. & T.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Line Lodge, No. 87, Duplin Old C. H.—Bro. A. B. Chesnutt.

Hiram Lodge No. 98, Clinton, Bro. A. B. Chesnutt.

Hiram Lodge No. 40, Raleigh, Johnson, Hutchings, and Hollister.

Visiting Brother, O. B. Sugg.

Bro. Jno. M. Flemming, delegate of Wake Forest Lodge No. 97, Wake, and A. B. Chesnutt, delegate of Hiram Lodge No. 98, Clinton, and Line Lodge No. 87, Duplin Old C. H. were granted leave of absence during the session of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until Saturday evening at half past 6 o'clock P. M.

W. A. HARRISON, G. S.

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Saturday Evening, half past 2 o'clock.

Dec. 16th, *A. L.* 5843.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge was convened by order of the M. W. Grand Master for the purpose of burying with *Masonic Honors* our deceased Brother, Rufus A. Wallace, delegate of Phalanx Lodge No. 31, Charlottee, who departed this life in this city on Friday evening, Dec. 15th, A. L. 5843, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN H. WHEELER, G. M.
" " SAML. F. PATTERSON, P. G. M.
W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W. P. T.
N. L. STITH, G. J. W. P. T.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. Tr.
W. A. HARRISON, G. Sec'y.
W. G. HILL, G. P.
R. W. MILLER, G. S. B. P. T.
W. HOLLISTER, G. M. P. T.
F. H. REEDER, G. S. D.

W. J. RAMSAY, G. J. D. P. T,
Bro. R. W. ASHTON, G. S. & T.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Columbus Lodge, No. 102, Pittsboro'—Bro's. Bratly and Burch.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh—Bro's. Johnson, Hutchings, and Hollister.

Bro's. W. T. Bain and A. J. Lawrence, P. G. Secretaries.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Bro's. Wm. Hill, Sec'y of State, Litchford, Stith, Miller, Scott, Sugg, Barbour, Whitaker, Murphy, Edwards, Kirkham, Finlater, Grimme, Lougee, Fentress, J. W. Johnson, C. Johnson.

The following resolution was introduced by brother S. F. Patterson, P. G. M.:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge have heard with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret of the death of their respected friend and brother, Dr. Rufus A. Wallace, of Mecklenburg, Co., late a delegate from Phalanx Lodge to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That in token of regard for our deceased brother, the members and visiters to this Grand Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

Resolved, further, That this Grand Lodge will attend the funeral of our deceased brother, this afternon, at 3 o'clock, from the Eagle Hotel.

Resolved, further, That a committee of three persons be appointed to communicate a copy of these resolutions to the nearest relatives of the deceased, and to express the deep sympathy which this Grand Lodge feels in their afflicting bereavement.

A procession of the members and visiters of the Grand Lodge was then formed according to Masonic usages, and marched to the Eagle Hotel, and accompanied the corpse of our deceased brother to the public burying ground,

and after the Christian ceremony was performed, in an eloquent and impressive manner, by the Rev. D. Lacy, Clergyman ofthe Presbyterian Church of this City, the body was then interred with Masonic Honors; after which, the brethren marched again to their Masonic Hall, and adjourned until 6 o'clock, P. M.

W. A. HARRISON. Gr. Sec.

Saturday evening, Dec. 16*th A. L.* 5843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, of the Special Meeting ordered to be held at 2 o'clock P. M. by the M. W. G. Master to attend the funeral and to bury with Masonic honors Bro. R. A. Wallace, late delegate to this Grand Lodge.

PRESENT.

M. W. J. H. WHEELER, G. M.
" " T. LORING, P. D. G. M.
" " W. W. JOHNSON, G. S. W. P. T.
R. " W. HOLLISTER, G. J. W. P. T.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, G. Tr.
W. A. HARRISON, G. S.
W. G. HILL, G. P.
W. W. MILLER, G. M. P. T.
W. T. BAIN, G. S. P. T.
R. W. ASHTON, G. J. & T.

MEMBERS.

Bro's. Johnson, Hutchings, and Hollister of Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Bro's. Hill, Sugg, Miller, Grimme, and Scott.

The Resolution of Bro. P. W. Fanning in relation to the appointment of Grand Lecturers by the M. W. G. Master was laid over until the next Annual Communication of this R. W. G. Lodge.

On motion of Bro. Hollister the following resolution was read and adopted.

Resolved, That, the Grand Secretary be allowed

Thirty Dollars for his services for the past year, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

On motion of Bro. Johnson, it was ordered that the Grand Treasurer be directed to insure to the value of $2000, on the Masonic Hall instead of $1200, as ordered by Resolution offered by Bro. P. W. Fanning on the evening of the 9th inst.

The Account of W. R. Gales, Esq., for publishing the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge for the present year, was presented by the Grand Secretary and ordered to be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. Hollister read and adopted.

Whereas, It being represented that the Grand Lodge of England does recognise in the Subordinate Lodges the right to confer the Past Master's degree, and it is furthermore represented that some of the Grand Lodges in the United States empower their Subordinate Lodges to confer that degree.

Therefore, Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appoint a Committee to inquire into the propriety and expediency of empowering her Subordinate Lodges to confer the Past Master's degree and report to the next Annual Grand Commnnication.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren the Committee, Bro's. Stone, Fanning and Loring.

No other business coming before the Grand Lodge it was closed in due form until the first Monday in Dec., 2d day of the month, 1844, at early Candle light.

W. A. HARRISON, G. S.

List of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. L. 5843.

St. John's,	No. 1,	Wilmington.
Royal White Heart,	2,	Halifax.
Phœnix,	8,	Fayetteville.
American George,	17,	Murfreesborough.
Phalanx,	31,	Charlotte.
Davie,	39,	Bertie.
Hiram,	40,	Raleigh.
Liberty,	49,	Wilkesborough.
Hall,	53,	Currituck.
Unanimity,	54,	Edenton.
King Solomon,	56,	Northampton.
Concord,	58,	Tarborough.
Perseverance,	59,	Plymouth.
Kilwinning,	64.	Wadesborough.
Scotland Neck,	68,	Halifax.
Taylor,	69,	Beaufort.
Eagle,	71,	Hillsborough.
Widow's Son,	75,	Camden.
Greensborough,	76,	Guilford.
Sharon,	78	Greenville.
Charity,	78,	Windsor.
University,	80,	Chapel Hill.
Zion,	81,	Trent Bridge.
Mount Moriah,	82,	Statesville.
Fellowship,	84,	Smithfield.
Morning Star,	85,	Nashville.
La Fayette,	86,	Louisburg.
Line,	87,	Duplin Old Court House.
Enfield,	88,	Enfield.
Skewarkey,	90,	Williamston.
Western Star,	91,	Rutherfordton.
Joseph Warren,	92,	Stantonsburg.
Franklin,	94,	Hyde.
Jerusalem,	95,	Hookerton.
St. John's,	96,	Kinston.

Wake Forest,	97,	Wake.
Hiram,	98,	Clinton.
Fulton,	99,	Salisbury.
Rising Sun,	100,	Morganton.
Warren,	101,	Kenansville.
Columbus,	102,	Pittsborough.
Star in the East,	103,	Elizabeth City.
Orr,	104,	Washington.
Perquimans,	106,	Hertford.
Clinton,	107,	Yanceyville.

RETURNS.

State of the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which have made Returns at the present Communication:

St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington.

OFFICERS:

Isaac Northrop,	Master.
P. W. Fanning,	S. Warden.
Jno. S. James.	J. Warden.
B. Baxter,	Treasurer.
Wm. A. Burr,	Secretary.
S. D. Wallace,	S. Deacon.
R. G. Rankin,	J. Deacon.
W. N. Peden, R. B. Wood,	Stewards.
John Smith,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Thos. W. Brown,	J. T. Miller,
J. L. Corbitt,	Jno. McAuslin,
J. M. Foy,	S. A. Laspeyre,
A. J. King,	Zadoc Baker,
Thos. Cowan,	I. H. Millmore,
M. D. Mott,	S. N. Cannon,
Jno. A. Taylor,	Miles Costin,
J. D. Moore,	Thos. D. Meares,
T. F. Peck,	Jno. A. Thomas,
Thos. Marshall,	E. V. Kelly,
Wm. Robitzch,	H. T. Costin,
E. Dickinson,	Robert Maxwell,
Charles Henry,	Jarvis Marble,
Jno. H. Ennett,	James T. Morris,
A. P. Repiton,	W. J. Price,
Owen Fennell,	Owen Holmes,
Jno. Walker,	W. A. Walker,
Jno. T. Russ,	B. F. Bates.
A. Martin,	

Admitted 5, Initiated 4, Passed 4, Raised 4, Withdrawn 3, Died 3.

Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Trotter,	W. Master.
R. A. Wallace,	J. Warden, P. T.
J. Trotter,	J. Warden,
Thos. Harris,	Treasurer.
Alexander Graham,	Secretary.
Samuel Taylor,	S. Deacon.
Henry C. Owens,	J. Deacon.
J. R. Bolton,	Tyler and Steward.

MEMBERS:

J. H. Wheeler,
N. W. Alexander,
A. Springs,
Wm. Knox,
Adam Siler,
R. H. Braley,
W. F. Alexander,
John Knox,
Robert Shaw,
J. W. Osborne,
Alexander, Bethune,
C. E. Moss,
J. K. Harrison,
John D. James,
S. P. Alexander,
Wm. Phillips, Jr.
F. M. Ross,
R. F. Davidson,
Rev. M. McKibbon,
George Cross,
W. Davidson,
M. W. Alexander,
Robert Knox,
Robert Stewart,
Wm. B. Withers,
T. R. Hughes,
Rev. Wm. Crook,
Wm. Hunter,
Wm. W. Elms,
C. C. Mason,
J. H. Grier,
J. M. Potts,
Daniel, Coleman,
R. S. Young,
R. A. Ross,
J. D. Simrill,
Wm. H. Speck,
H. N. Knox,
James Smith,
J. H. Harris,
D. Hearne,
Wm. F. Strange. H. M.

C. Overman, Rev. J. M. Happoldt do

Admitted 4, Initiated 10, Passed 10, Raised 10, Withdrawn 1, Expelled 1.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 58, TARBOROUGH.

OFFICERS:

Lewis Bond,	Master.
Lewis C. Pender,	S. Warden.
A. K. Barlow,	J. Warden,
S. Pender,	Treasurer.
L. D. Bell,	Secretary.
B. Batts,	S. Deacon.
Charles Mabry,	J. Deacon.
Wm. Pender	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Kenneth Thigpen,	James George,
Weldon S. Hunter,	D. Parish,
Wm. Biggs,	I. G. Ellis,
John Knight,	Spencer Thigpen,
J. L. Horn,	I. I. B. Pender,
Noah Leggett,	Wm. Norfleet,
F. D. Little,	R. H. Pender,
Wm. D. Mercer,	D. G. Baker,
E. Cromwell,	Wm. D. Petway,
B. Howell,	S. Hyman,
J. Edmondson,	J. Pender,
H. Foxall,	Jno. P. Stuart,
W. A. Pope,	S. B. Staton,
W. S. Baker,	John Knight, sen.

Initiated 1, Passed 3, Raised 3, Withdrawn 1.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, Raleigh.

OFFICERS, 1843:

Wilie W. Johnson,	Master.
C. W. D. Hutchings,	S. Warden.
Wesley Hollister,	J. Warden.
William T. Bain	Secretary.
C. Grimme,	Treasurer.
Osborn Sugg,	S. Deacon.
G. H. Cain,	J. Deacon.
R. W. Ashton,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

William J. Lougee,
Dan'l B. Griffin,
P. B. Burt,
W. L. Fowler,
Dan'l Murray,
Jos. T. Hunter,
Jno. H. Hyatt,
Benj. F. Jordan,
Thomas L. West,
F. H. Reeder,
Osborn Sugg,
Thomas R. Fentress.
Dr. W. G. Hill,
Wesley Whitaker,
Thompson White,
Silas Burns,
W. N. Shauk,
Henry W. Miller,
Joseph Waltering,
John Murphy,
Willam H. Hood,
Geo. N. Scarborough,
James Edwards,

Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth.

OFFICERS.

Tho. B. Nicholls,	W. Master.
Elijah Cornell,	S. Warden.
Jos. B. Griffin,	J. Warden.
Thos. E. Pender,	Treasurer.
E. H. Willis,	Secretary.
F. F. Fagan,	S. Deacon.
Jos. Ramsey,	J. Deacon,
Willoughby Ballance,	S. Steward.

Sam'l T. Gaylord	J. Steward.
Isaac Kelly,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thos. B. Nicholls,	Willoughby Ballance,
Joseph Ramsey,	Isaac Kelly,
Thos. E. Pender,	Jno. D. Bennett,
Jno. Mc. Bayle,	James Weighman,
Dan'l Weeks,	James Best,
F. F. Fagan,	W. E. Freeman,
Elijah Cornell,	Leonard Harrison,
Lemuel Douglass,	Thos. B. Chase,
H. Hardison,	Sam'l T. Gaylord,
Jos. B. Griffin,	E. H. Willis.

Initiated 2, Passed 2, Raised 2, Died 1.

UNIVERSITY LODGE, No. 80, CHAPEL HILL.

OFFICERS. 5843.

M. R. Sugg,	W. Master.
S. B. McDade,	S. Warden.
W. B, Vanderford,	J. Warden.
M. Davis,	Treasurer.
J. W. Carr,	Secretary.
M. W. Davis,	S. Deacon.
S. Lesburger,	J. Deacon.
Gray Utley	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Wm. Nevill,	M. Utley,
J. Craig,	C. J. Freeland,
Z. Trice,	D. Kirkland,
A. Cheek,	A. R. Clement,
S. W. Fowler,	Allen Edwards,
Willis Barbee,	J. Philpot,
G. Rhodes,	W. N. Pratt,
A. M. Henderson,	J. Moring,
W. Durham,	B. Cheek,

G. Nevill, R. Durham,
C. W. Johnson, L. R. Pratt,
N. J. King, Jr. M. M'Cauley,
H. Stroud, Jas. Moring,
S. Sharlotte, S. C. Kirkland,
T. J. Madry, R. R. Bridgers,
H. M. Cave, A. M. Davis,
John Hutchins, L. D. Strain.

EAGLE LODGE, No. 71, HILLSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS, 1843.

John Berry,	Master.
Wm. H. Brown,	J. Warden.
J. M. Palmer,	Secretary.
D. D. Phillips,	J. Deacon.
John Dooley,	J. Steward.
Pride Jones,	S. Warden.
Allen Parks,	Treasurer.
Charles S. Warren,	S. Deacon.
Richard H. Lea,	S. Steward.
Robert F. Pleasants,	Tyler.

OFFICERS, 1844:

Pride Jones,	Master.
Jas. M. Palmer,	J. Warden.
Daniel D. Phillips,	Secretary.
Richard H. Lea,	J. Deacon.
James Parks,	S. Steward.
Chas. S. Warren,	S. Warden.
Allen Parks,	Treasurer.
Chas. L. Cooley,	S. Deacon.
Robert F. Pleasants,	Tyler.
H. Boshamer,	J. Steward.

MEMBERS:

John Berry, Dennis Heartt,
William Horton, Leo. E. Heartt,

Solomon Allen,	Edwin A. Heartt,
Benj. C. Cook,	Wm. T. Shields,
John Jones,	Burhus Cheek,
Wm. C. Christmass,	Leroy M. Johnson,
Samuel B. Holden,	Frederick Nash,
Thomas Clancy,	Wagstaff Maynard.
John Cameron,	James Turner,
Joseph Holt,	John B. McMullen,
John J. Freeland,	John P. Richardson,
Edward G. Reed,	Jesse R. Cole,
Archibald Borland,	Stephen Moore,
Jas. S. Smith,	George Piper,
James S. Leathers,	Samuel Piper,
William Nelson,	William Piper,
Henry K. Nash,	Samuel E. Brackin,
Eli Watson,	Calvin H. Wiley,
Robert Lassiter,	William M. Green.

Admitted 2, Initiated 4, Passed 3, Raised 4, Withdrawn 1, Rejected 1, Died 3.

Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75, Camden.

OFFICERS:

G. L. Lamb,	Master.
A. Forbes,	S. Warden.
C. C. Bryant,	J. Warden.
S. W. Sawyer,	Treasurer.
W. P. Forbes,	Secretary.
W. Wright,	J. Deacon.
Wm. Forbes,	S. Deacon.
D. C. Bell,	Tyler.
J. M. Gregon.	Steward.

MEMBERS:

Peter Leymore,	Demsey Cox,
Jacob Mercer,	W. H. Deford,
Jesse C. Bell,	Samuel Tillet,
Job S. Gregory,	N. S. Burgess,

William G. Wilson,	D. B. Morrissett,
Major P. Gregory,	S. D. Lamb,
Samuel Aydlott,	Nathaniel Perkins,
Wm. M. Lamb,	Walter R. Forbes,
James L. Dozier,	Wilson Harrison,
Eugene Morton,	W. W. Wilson.

Initiated 2, Passed 3, Raised 1, Withdrawn 6, Died 1.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, Smithfield.

OFFICERS:

Joel Joiner, jr.	Master.
Blackmon Lee,	S. Warden.
Julius A. Sturns,	J. Warden.
W. H. Morning,	S. Deacon.
Wm. R. Lee,	J. Deacon.
N. Williams,	Secretary.
John F. Saunders,	Treasurer.
D. McPherson,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

A. J. Lee,	D. B. Adams,
Wm. H. Guy,	J. J. Adams,
Wm. Hollowell,	Wm. P. Kitchand,
John J. Hooks,	Thos. B. Wetmore,
Wm. R. Hooks,	H. A. Hodge.
Jesse Hinnant,	

Removed 5, Withdrawn 2, Died 3.

Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Clinton.

OFFICERS:

Thos. I. Faison,	Master.
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Needham Stevens,	L. A. Tatom,
J. T. Moulton,	A. N. Treadwell,
John Robinson,	Thomas Matthis,

Admitted 6, Initiated 6, Passed 5, Raised 5, Withdrawn, 1, Died 1, Suspended 1, Rejected 2.

Line Lodge, No. 87, Duplin Old Court House.

OFFICERS:

C. Thomson,	W. Master.
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Curtis C. Oats,	Treasurer.
Wright Grigory,	Secretary.
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C. J. Oats,	C. E. Neal,
Drury Driver,	J. M. Smith,

Initiated 6, Passed 6, Raised 5, Withdrawn 10, Died 1.

SKEWARKEY LODGE, No. 90, WILLIAMSTON.

OFFICERS:

Wm. Slade,	Master.
H. B. Smithwick,	S. Warden.
Jesse Martin,	J. Warden.
S. C. Whitley,	Treasurer.
A. S. Mooring,	Secretary.
Thos. R. Coffield,	S. Deacon.
Kader Biggs,	J. Deacon.
Bryant Bennett, Lorton Cooper, }	Stewards.
Levi Pippin,	Tyler.

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James Mizell,	Lorton Cooper,
N. B. Mariner,	A. S. Cherry,
Laurance Cherry,	A. H. Coffield,
Joseph Waldo,	A. S. Cotton,
John R. Lanier,	Levi S. Yates,

W. F. G. Pierce,

Admitted 1, Withdrawn 2, Died 1, Rejected 1.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, Nashville.

OFFICERS:

Jesse H. Drake,	Master.
Joseph A. Drake,	S. Warden.
John J. Bunn,	J. Warden.
B. H. Blount,	Treasurer.
G. R. Bell,	Secretary.
John H. Drake, Jr.	S. Deacon.
D. Floyd,	J. Deacon.
S. W. W. Vick, } J. Q. Taylor, }	Stewards.
John W. Mitchell,	Marshall.
Samuel Brown,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

James N. Mann,	John E. Lindsay,
John H. Drake, Sr.	Richmond Upchurch,
John H. Drake, Jr.	Wm. H. Smith,
S. W. W. Vick,	Willis Barbee,
T. P. Westray,	Joseph Barbee,
Isaac Sessums,	Wm. F. Batley,
Henry Sorsby,	Thos. P. Weeks,
B. H. Blount,	Henderson Leigh,
Bolen Melton,	B. T. Strickland,
Redmond Thorn,	John H. Bizzett,
Wm. W. Bryant,	James O. Thrift,
James Sullivant	Calvin J. Parker,
Willis Warren,	Wm. W. Parker,
Duncan Floyd,	Alsay J. Taylor,
Eli Manning,	W. T. Arrington,
John J. Bunn,	J. H. Harrison,
George R. Bell,	T. J. A. Cooper,
Samuel G. Wheless,	B. D. Mann,

Initiated 4, Passed 5, Raised 2, Died 2.

St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston.

OFFICERS:

G. T. Lovick,	Master.
Wm. B. West,	S. Warden.
W. Kilpatrick,	J. Warden,
L. Hardee,	Treasurer.
R. R. Canfield,	Secretary.
John Jackson,	S. Deacon.
B. C. Williams,	J. Deacon.
F. J. Cox,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

David Jones,
Richard Kennedy,
Wm. H. Haywood,
R. R. Canfield,
Frederick West,
F. H. Smith,
John Davis, Jr.
Abram Congleton,
Nicholas Hunter,
Alexander Wilson,
John L. Taylor,
Thomas Woodley,
J. A. Hartsfield,
S. H. Walker,
T. S. Clark,
N. Loftin, Jr. H. M.
J. A. Mason, " "
Rev. R. McNabb, " "

Admitted 3, Initiated 8, Passed 7, Raised 7, Rejected 2.

Wake Forest Lodge, No. 97, Wake.

OFFICERS:

John M. Fleming,	Master.
Peterson Dunn,	S. Warden.
B. D. Simms,	J. Warden.
M. R. Thomas,	Secretary.
Reddick Hunter.	Treasurer.
J. M. Terrell,	S. Deacon.
Willie D. Jones,	J. Deacon.
Jeremiah Dunn,	Tyler.
J. G. Jeffreys, } H. A. King, }	Stewards.

MEMBERS:

D. S. Crenshaw,	Wm. Jones,
G. W. Purify,	Boling Dunn,
Thos. J. Terrell,	M. Thompson,
Doctor Cole,	T. J. Lemay,
James Redford,	John P. Lemay,
J. B. Donaho,	R. N. Jeffreys,
J. H. Brooks,	J. D. Powell,
Wm. T. Brooks,	John R. Cooper,
Wm. Johnson,	R. E. Harris,

Admitted 1, Withdrawn 1, Rejected 2, Restored 5,

PERQUIMANS LODGE, No. 106, HERTFORD.

OFFICERS:

James S. Freer,	Master.
Joseph M. Cox,	S. Warden.
H. J. Butt,	J. Warden.
N. Bagley,	Treasurer.
Willis H. Bagley,	Secretary.
W. W. Langley,	S. Deacon.
J. W. Skinner,	J. Deacon.
J. B. Skinner, M. D. Hathaway,	Stewards.
Edward B. Sutton,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

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J. M. Cox,	Nathan Bagby,
J. E. Hunter,	T. Bellups,
C. M. Ford,	M. D. Hathaway,
Nathan Winslow,	J. C. Skinner,
J. B. Skinner,	T. W. Rankhom,
E. B. Sutton,	R. E. Weston,

J. W. Skinner,	John A. Morris,

Initiated 1, Passed 1, Withdrawn 1, Rejected 3.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 108, YANCEYVILLE.

OFFICERS:

James Clark,	Master.
Henry Willis,	S. Warden.
James Dillworth,	J. Warden.
N. M. Roan,	Treasnrer.
W. P. Womack,	Secretary.
Anderson Willis,	S. Deacon.
Richard Furgerson,	J. Deacon.
J. L. Graves,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

James Clark,	W. P. Womack,
Henry Willis,	Moses Clark,
Anderson Willis,	Hardy Fitts,
James Dillworth,	Wm. R. Neal,
James L. Graves,	J. H. Atkinson.
Richard Furgerson,	

Initiated 4, Passed 4, Raised 3, Withdrawn 2, Suspended 1, Expelled 1.

A FORM WHEREBY THE SUBORDINATE LODGES ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE THEIR ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE.

RETURN of the Officers and Members of ——— Lodge, No. —, held at ———, (by Charter or Dispensation, as the case may be,) from the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, together with a statement of the Admissions, Initiations, Passings, Withdrawals, Deaths, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Rejections, which have taken place in said Lodge, from ———, A. L. —, to ———, A. L. —.

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		J. Warden.
		Treasurer.
		Secretary.
		S. Deacon.
		J. Deacon.
		Steward.
		Tyler.

Admitted.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled	Rejected.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY.

MASTER.